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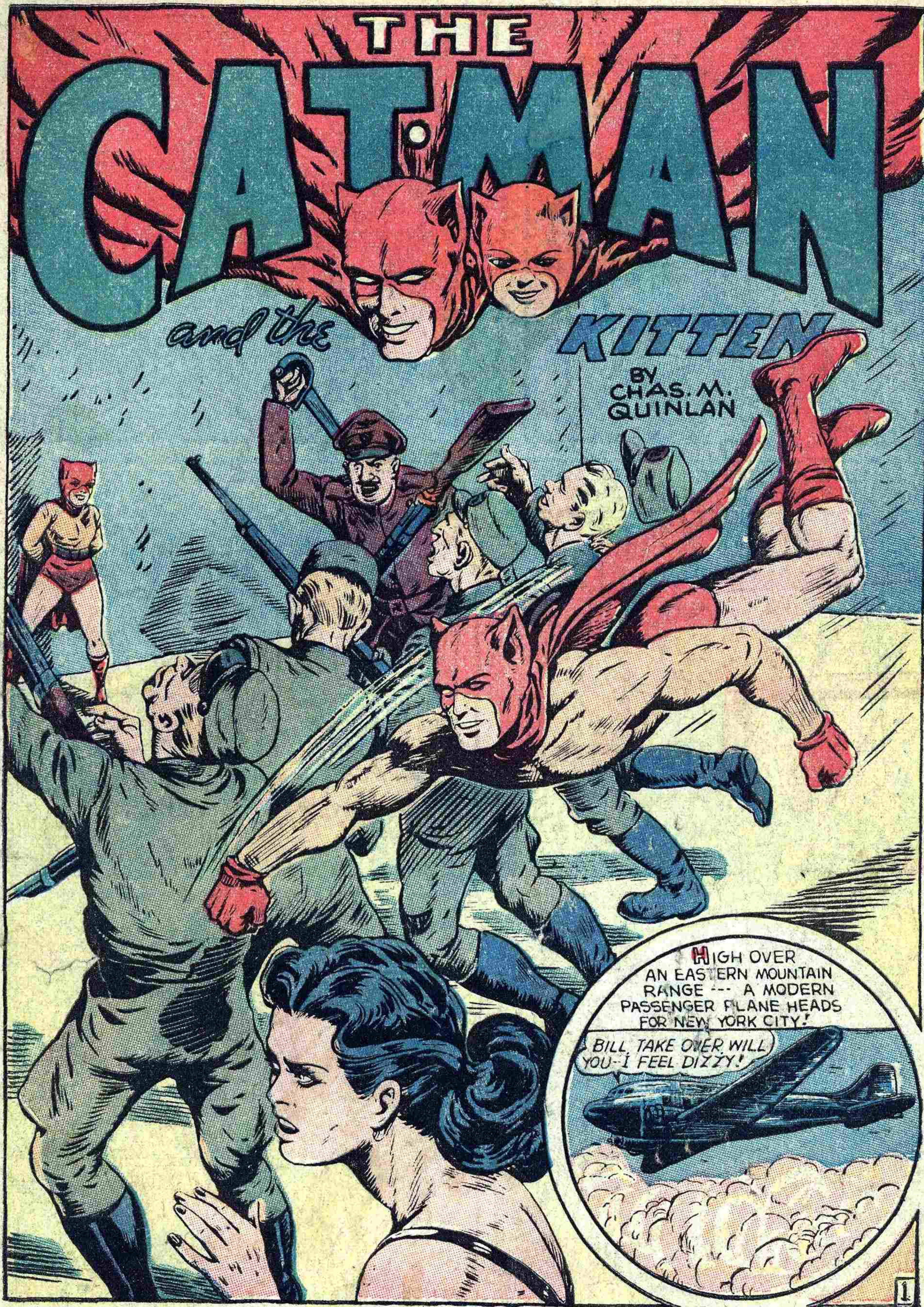
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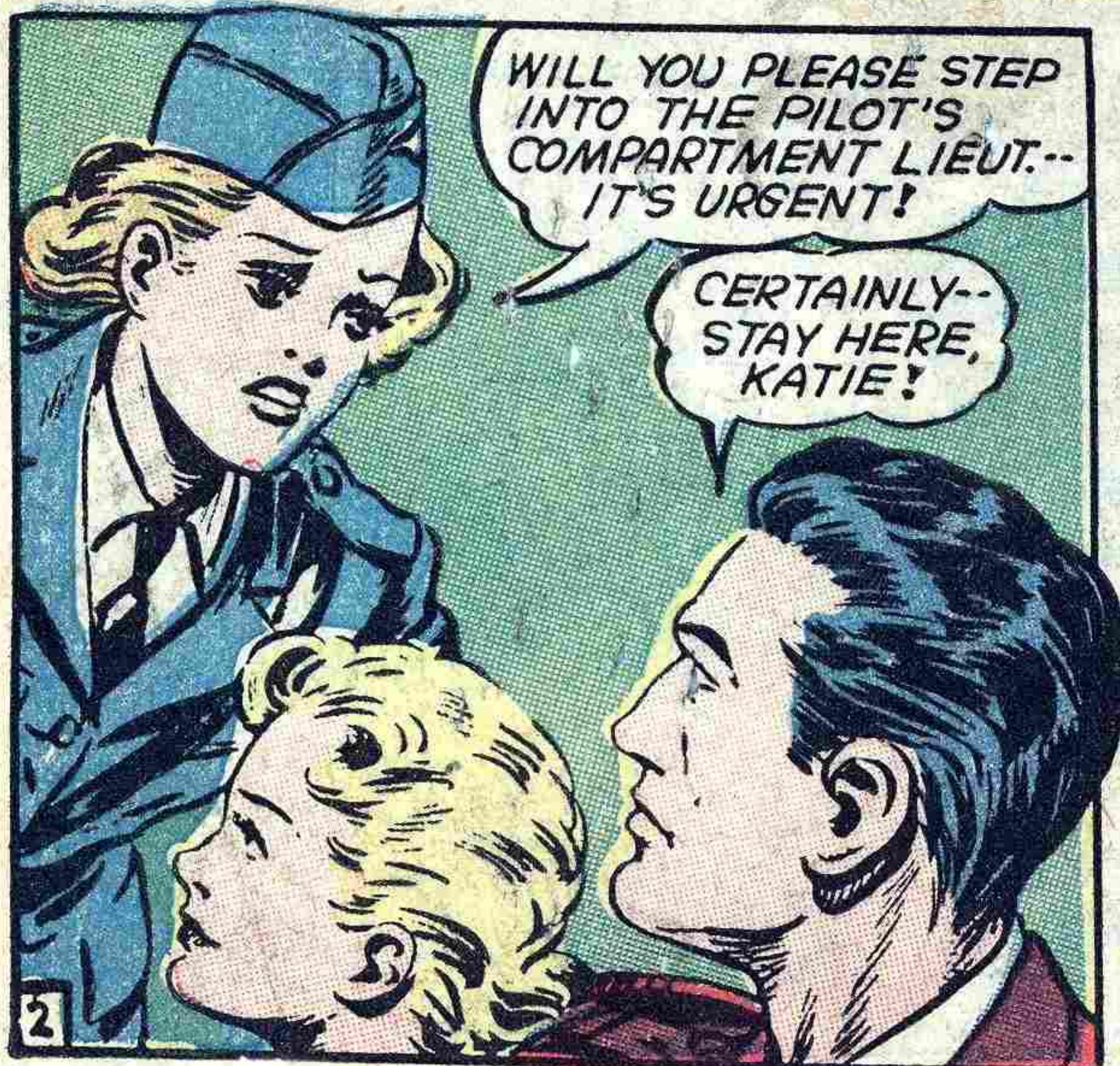
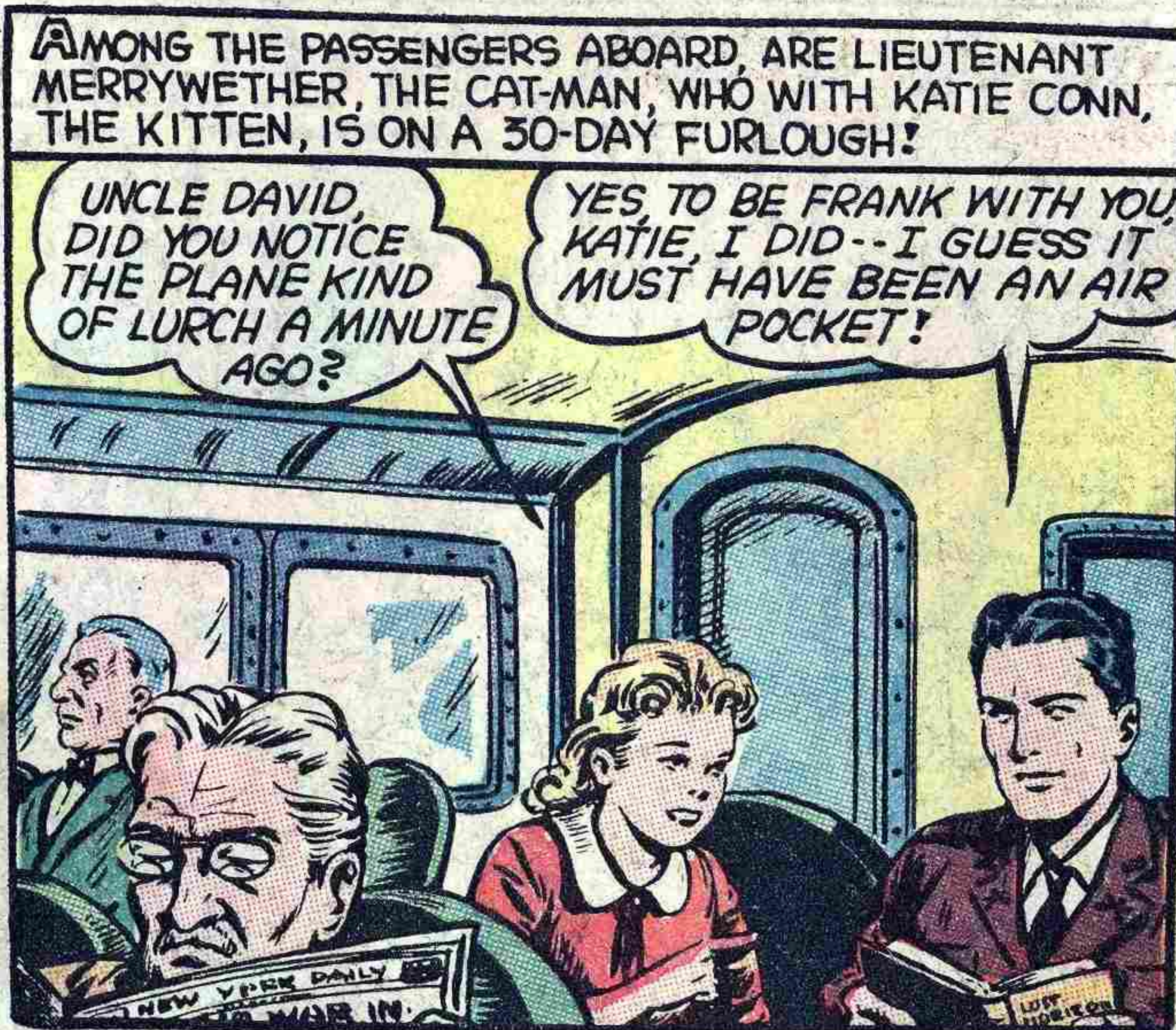
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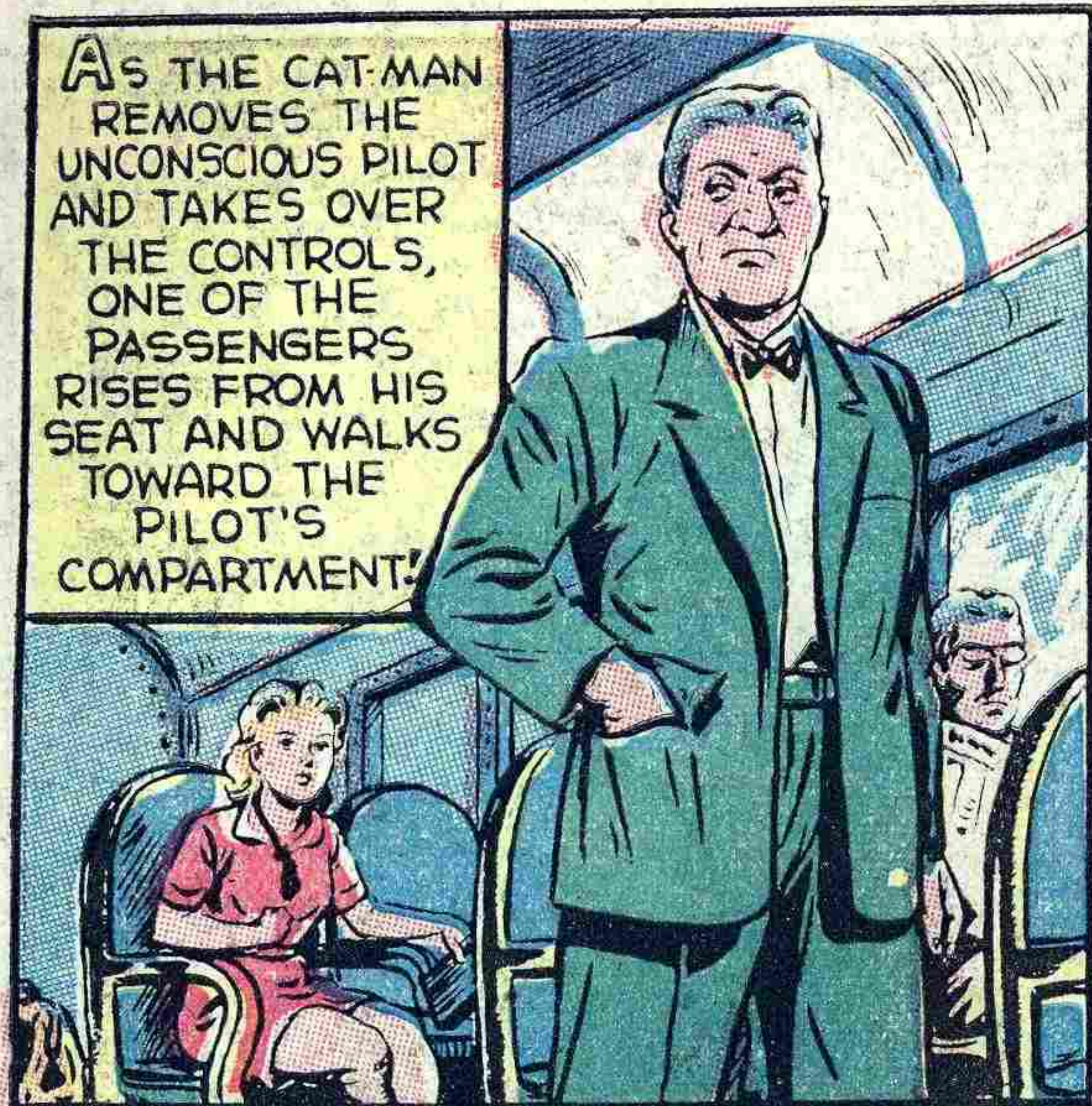
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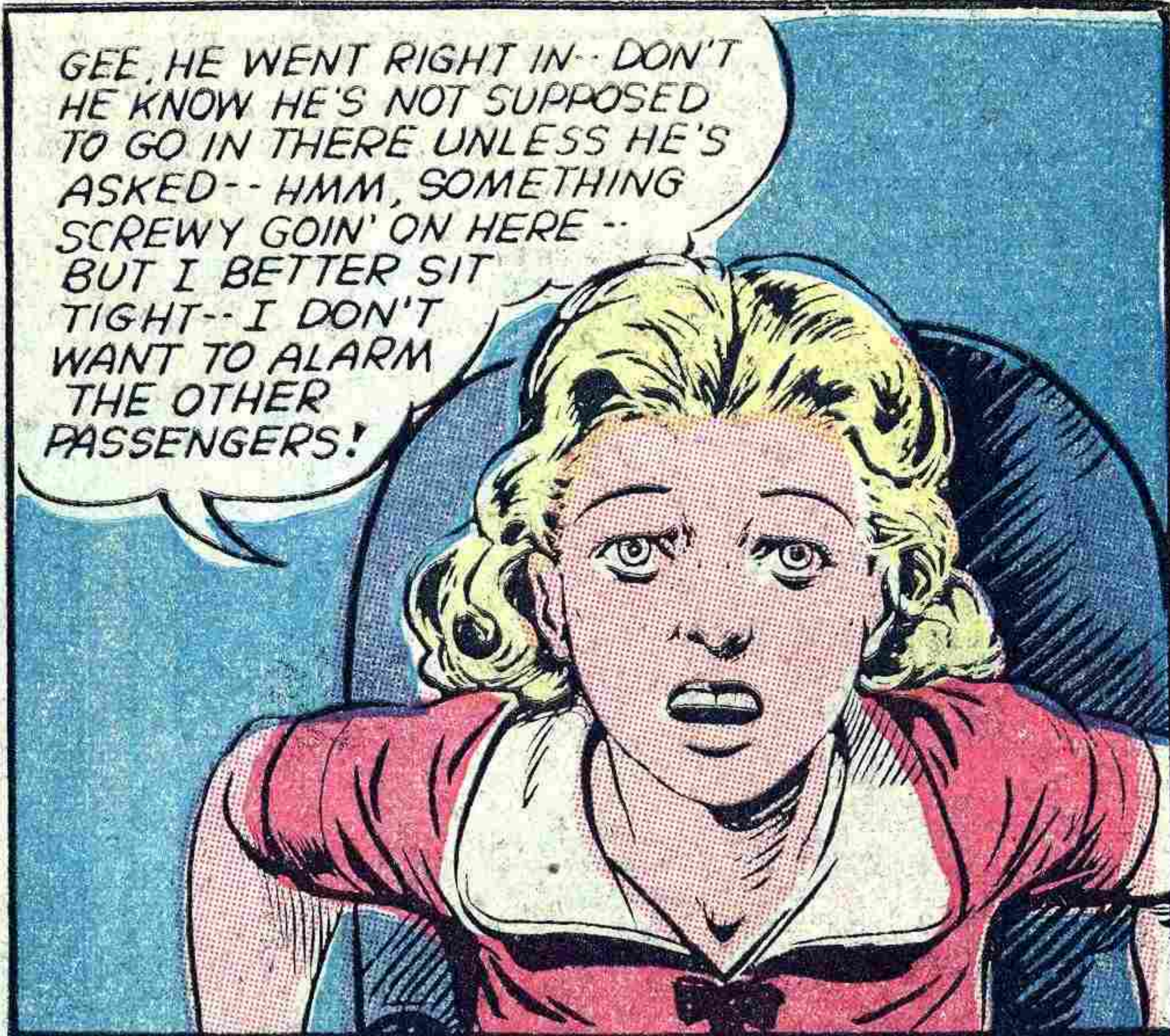
HIGH OVER
AN EASTERN MOUNTAIN
RANGE --- A MODERN
PASSENGER PLANE HEADS
FOR NEW YORK CITY!

BILL, TAKE OVER WILL
YOU--I FEEL DIZZY!

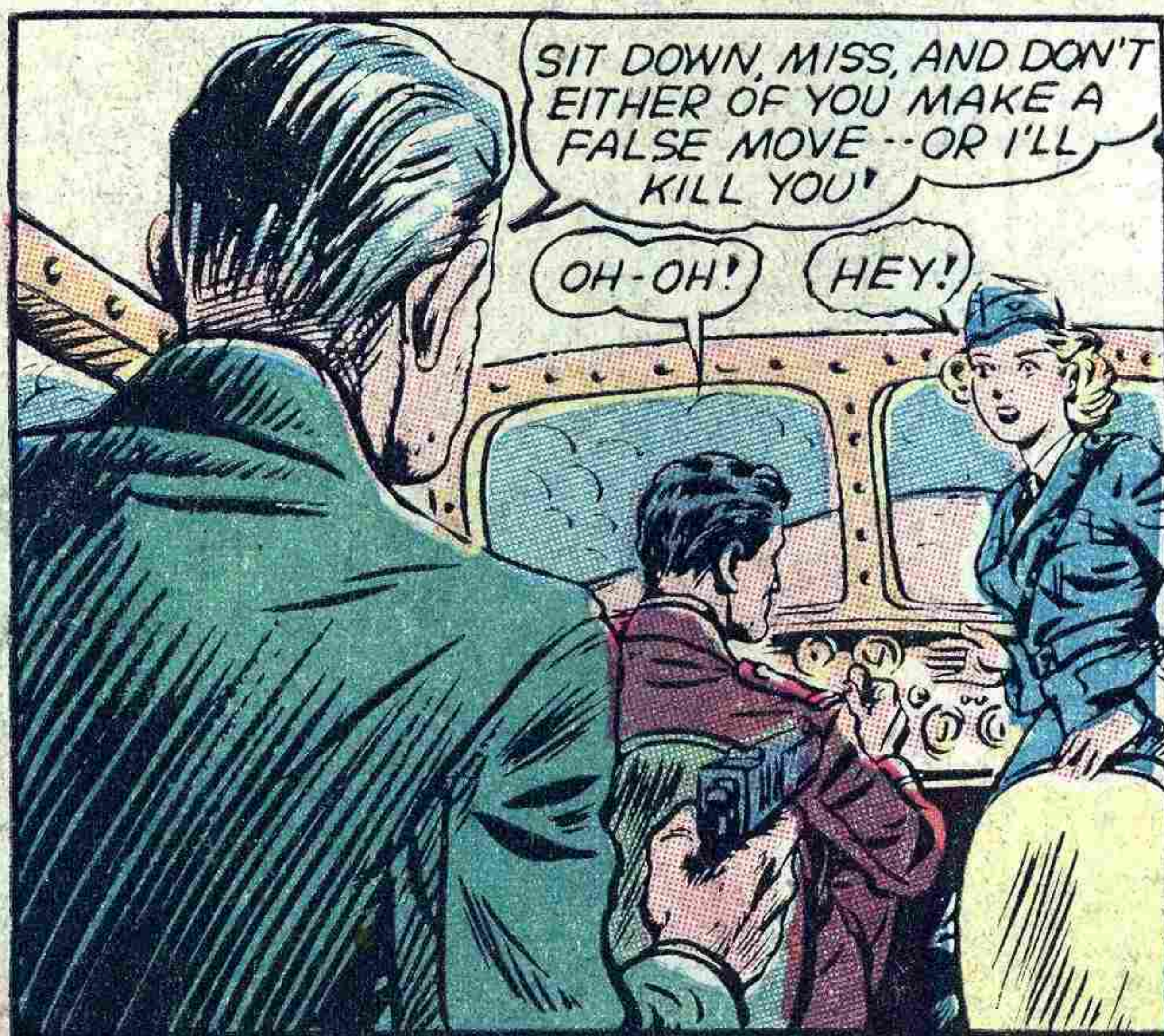




AS THE CAT-MAN REMOVES THE UNCONSCIOUS PILOT AND TAKES OVER THE CONTROLS, ONE OF THE PASSENGERS RISES FROM HIS SEAT AND WALKS TOWARD THE PILOT'S COMPARTMENT!



GEE, HE WENT RIGHT IN - DON'T HE KNOW HE'S NOT SUPPOSED TO GO IN THERE UNLESS HE'S ASKED-- HMM, SOMETHING SCREWY GOIN' ON HERE -- BUT I BETTER SIT TIGHT-- I DON'T WANT TO ALARM THE OTHER PASSENGERS!



SIT DOWN, MISS, AND DON'T EITHER OF YOU MAKE A FALSE MOVE--OR I'LL KILL YOU!

OH-OH!

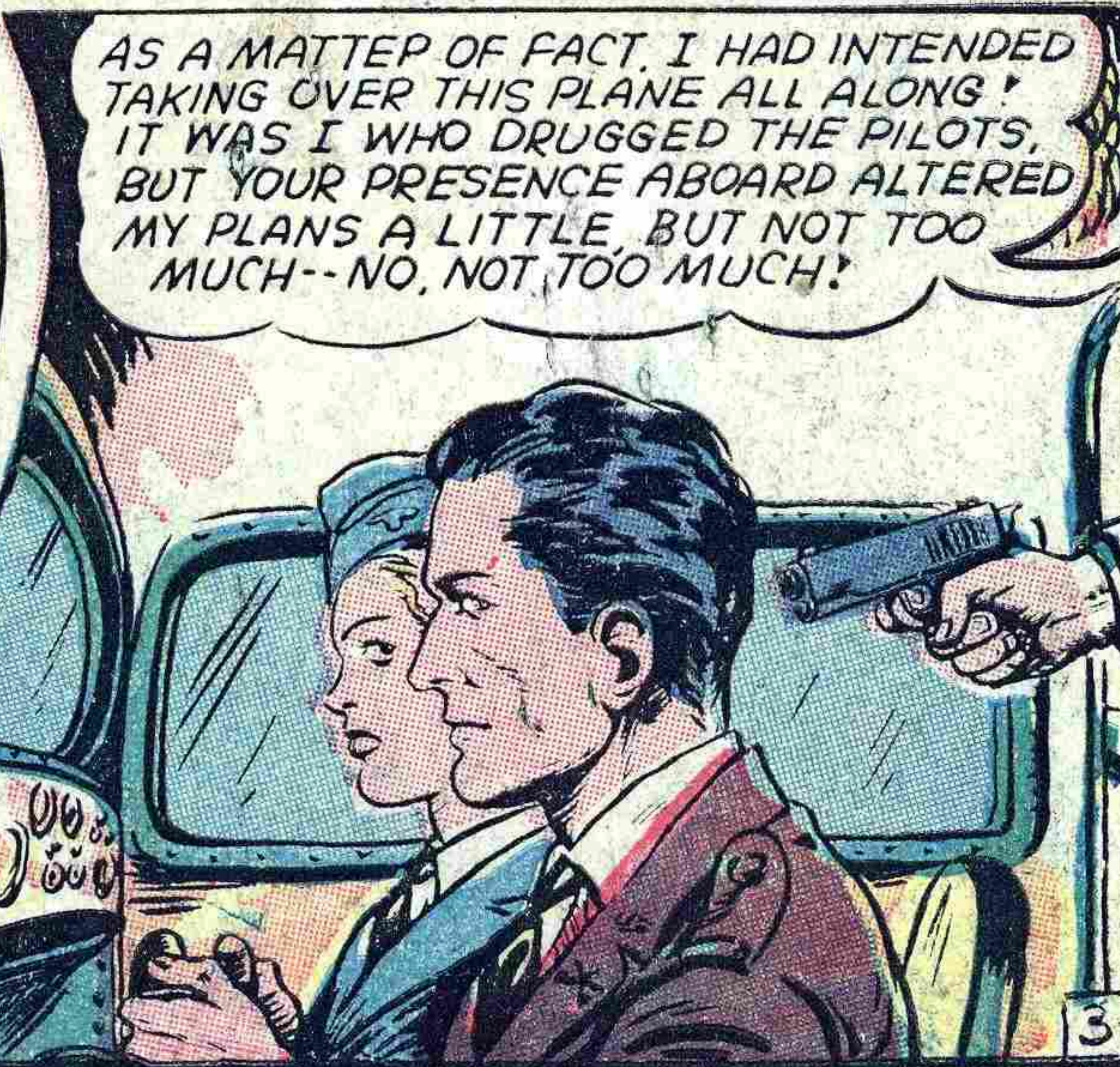
HEY!



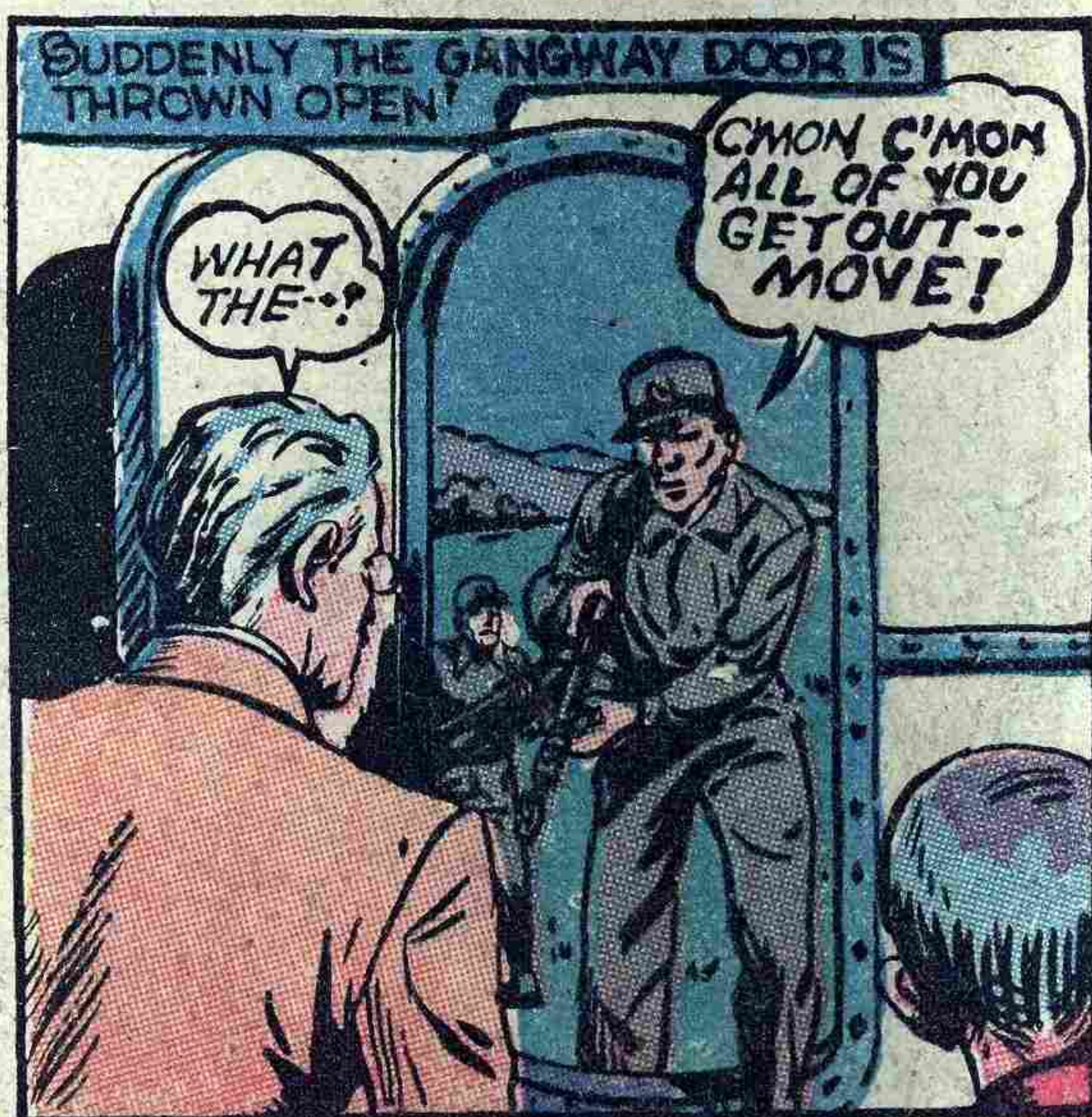
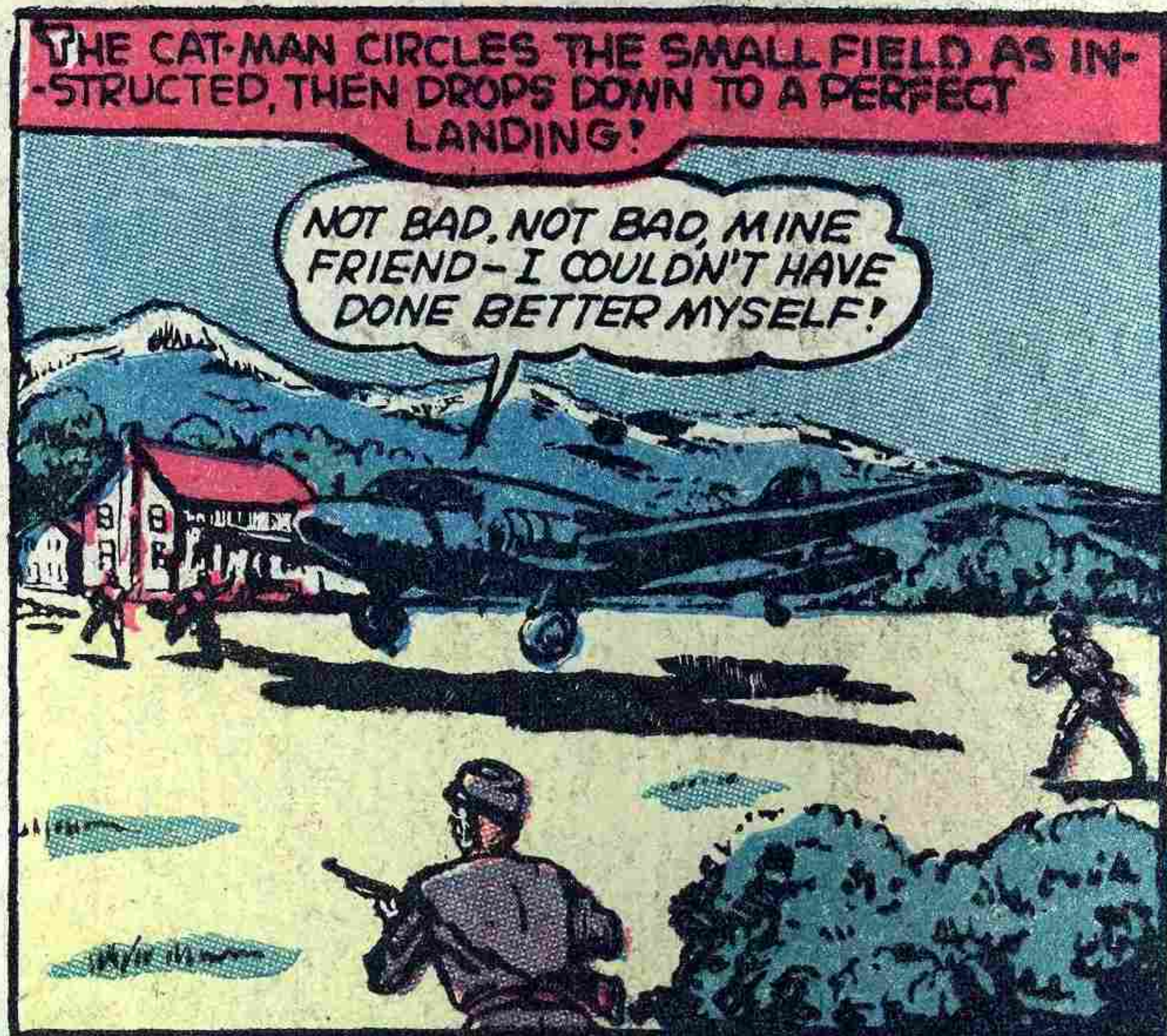
WAIT A MINUTE, MISTER, DON'T YOU REALIZE THAT IF YOU KILL ME, THIS PLANE WILL CRASH AND YOU'LL PROBABLY BE KILLED TOO?



ON THE CONTRARY, HERR LIEUTENANT-- IF I KILL YOU, WE WILL NOT CRASH, BECAUSE YOU SEE, I AM A FAR MORE CAPABLE PILOT THAN YOU EVER COULD BE-- HO-HO-HO!



AS A MATTER OF FACT, I HAD INTENDED TAKING OVER THIS PLANE ALL ALONG! IT WAS I WHO DRUGGED THE PILOTS, BUT YOUR PRESENCE ABOARD ALTERED MY PLANS A LITTLE, BUT NOT TOO MUCH-- NO, NOT TOO MUCH!





GOOD EVENING--I REGRET THAT WE HAD TO INCONVENIENCE YOU THIS WAY, BUT WE NEEDED THAT AIRPLANE!



LOCK THEM IN THE ATTIC AND LOAD THE PLANE AT ONCE--WE MUST LEAVE IMMEDIATELY!



NOW WHAT DO WE DO, WE'LL NEVER GET OUT OF HERE!

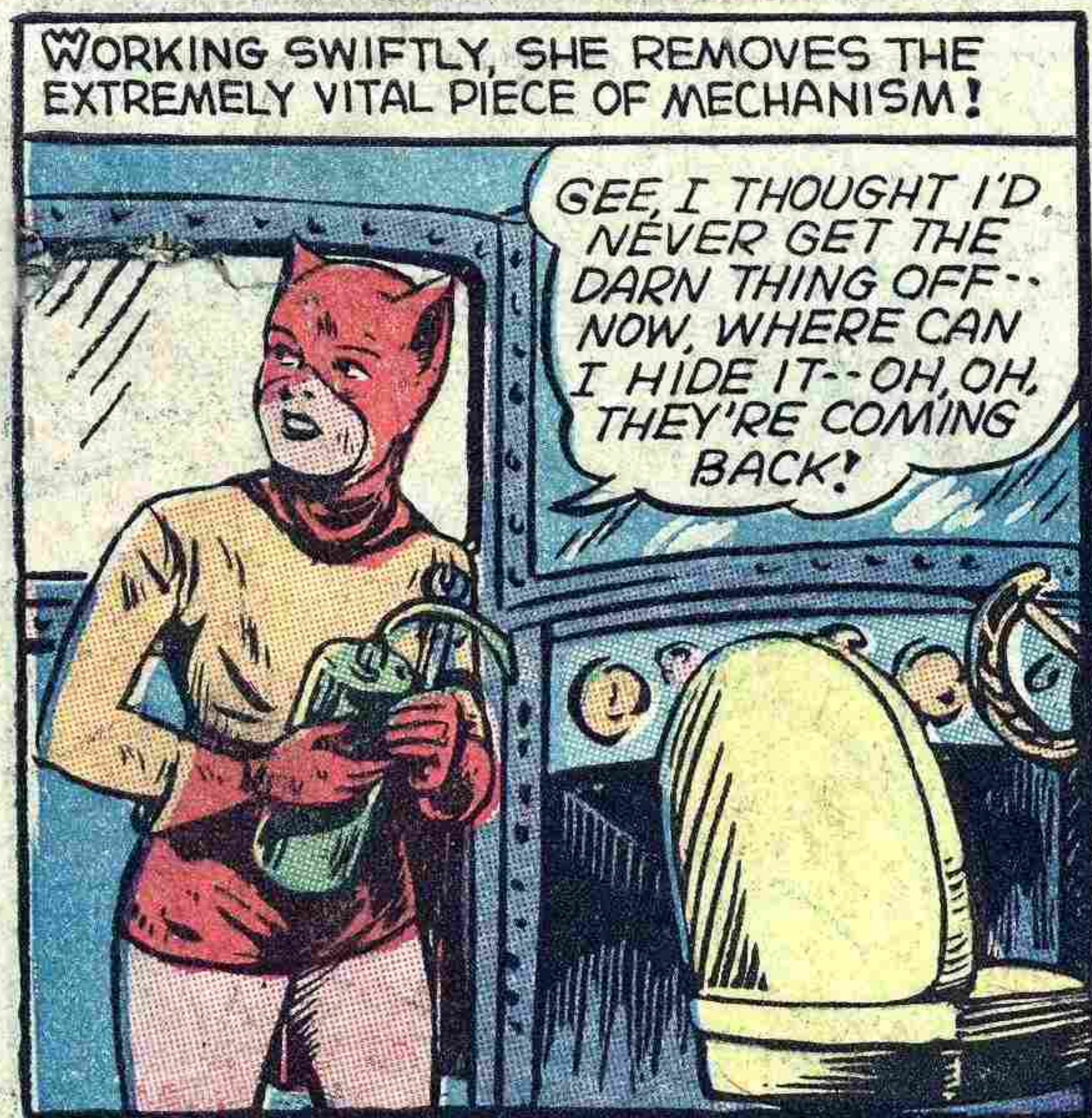
THEY'RE NAZI SPIES--THEY'LL KILL US!

SAY, WHERE IS KATIE? I THOUGHT SHE WAS HERE TOO--SHE MUST BE HIDING IN THE PLANE!



BUT KATIE IS NOT HIDING! INSTEAD, SHE HAS CHANGED INTO THE KITTEN AND IS NOW A VERY BUSY LITTLE GIRL!

OH, OH--THIS IS IT, THE CONDENSER, UNCLE DAVID SAYS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PART ON AN AIRPLANE, SO OUT IT GOES!



WORKING SWIFTLY, SHE REMOVES THE EXTREMELY VITAL PIECE OF MECHANISM!

GEE, I THOUGHT I'D NEVER GET THE DARN THING OFF--NOW, WHERE CAN I HIDE IT--OH, OH, THEY'RE COMING BACK!



WAIT! PUT THAT STUFF DOWN RIGHT HERE--THERE IS NO SENSE IN CARRYING IT WAY OUT THERE--I WILL TAXI THE PLANE IN CLOSER!

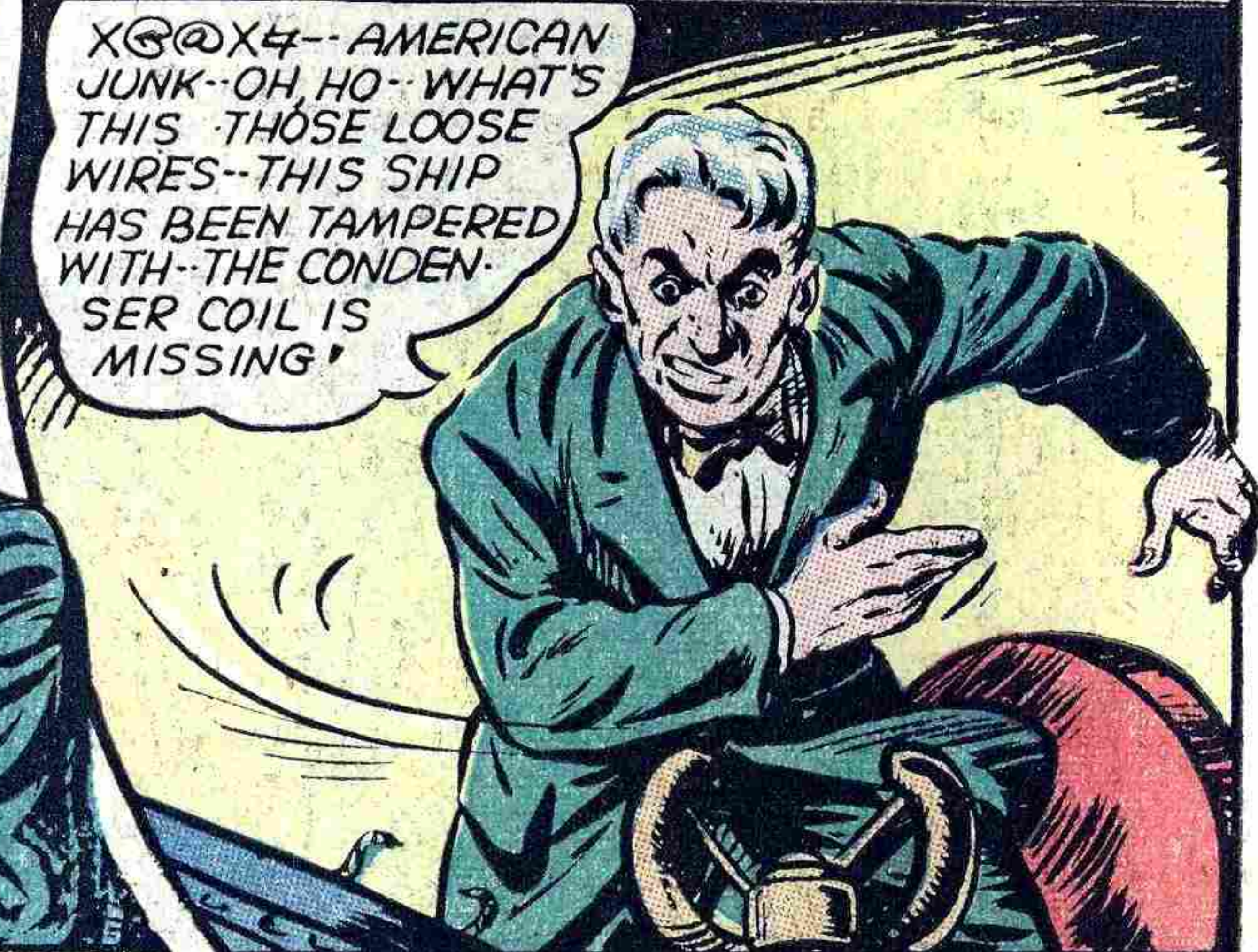
CLIMBING INTO THE PILOT'S SEAT, THE SPY PRESSES THE STARTER BUTTON!

WHAT'S THE MATTER HERE--IT WON'T START--BLAST THESE INFERIOR AMERICAN PLANES--NOW IF THIS WERE A MESSER-SCHMIDT OR A STUKA--!



AFTER A FEW MORE TRIES, HE GIVES UP IN DISGUST--!

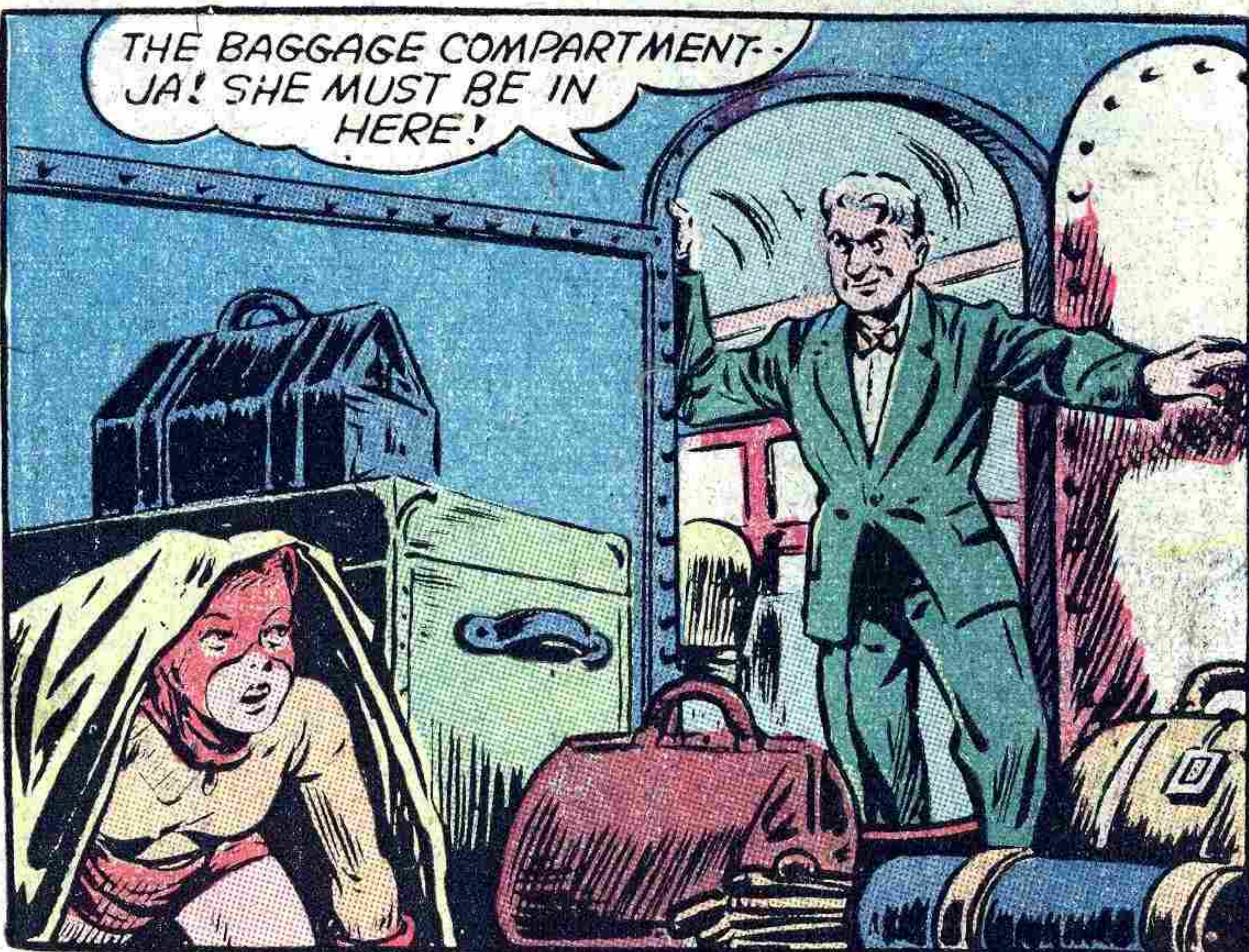
X@X4--AMERICAN JUNK--OH, HO--WHAT'S THIS--THOSE LOOSE WIRES--THIS SHIP HAS BEEN TAMPERED WITH--THE CONDENSER COIL IS MISSING!



WAIT--LET ME THINK--JA, THAT'S IT THERE WAS A LITTLE GIRL WITH THAT LIEUT. SHE DID IT, SHE'S STILL IN THE PLANE? I MUST FIND HER!



THE BAGGAGE COMPARTMENT--JA! SHE MUST BE IN HERE!



AHA!--WHAT THE DEV--!



HEY!

EXCUSE ME! I MUST GO NOW!



WATCHING FROM AN ATTIC-WINDOW, THE CAT-MAN SEES HER AS SHE LEAPS FROM THE DISABLED PLANE!

IT'S THE KITTEN! THEY'RE AFTER HER! I'LL HAVE TO ACT FAST!

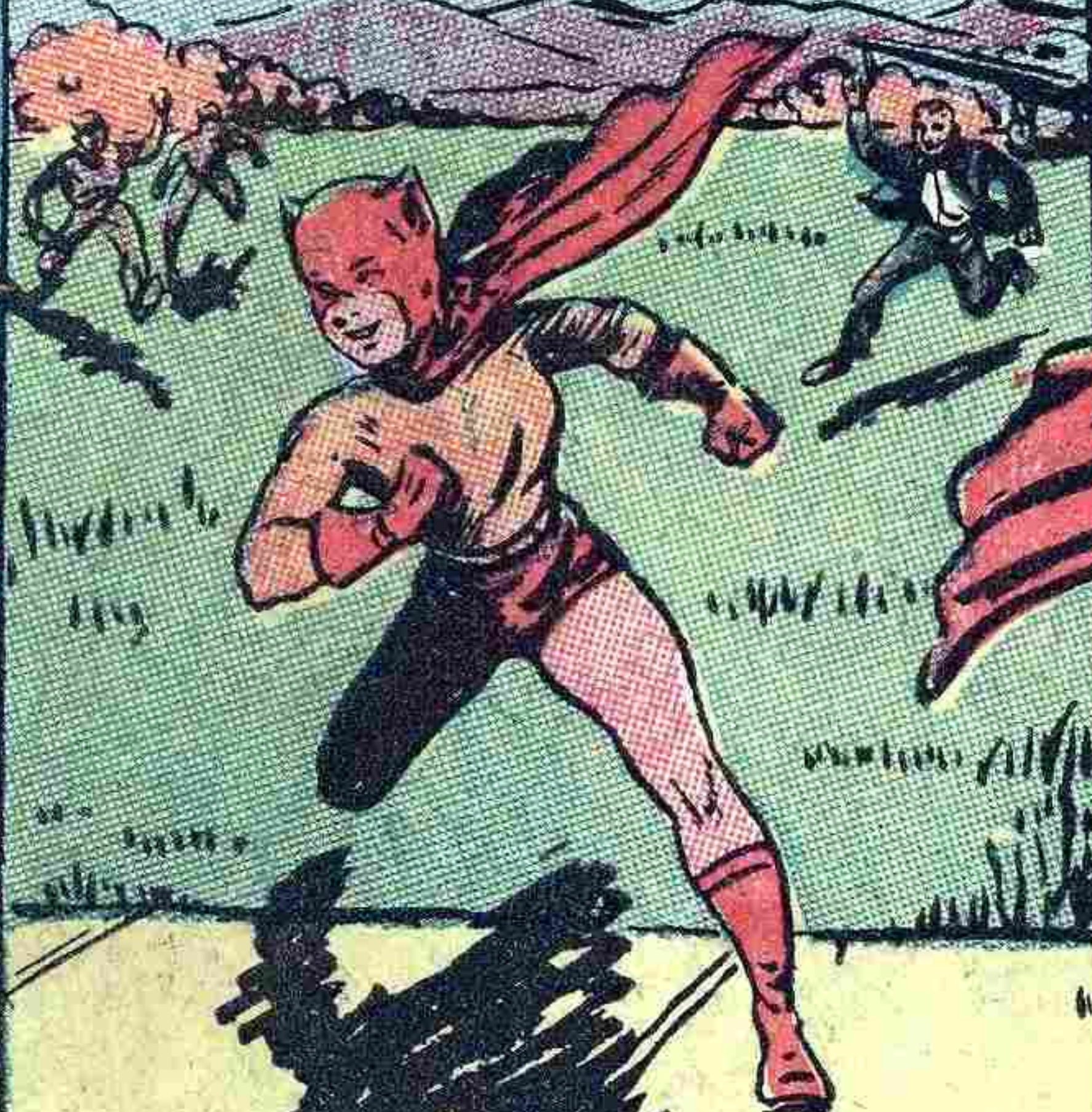


GET HER! SHE'S CRIPPLED THE PLANE!



RUNNING LIKE A DEER, THE KITTEN QUICKLY OUT-DISTANCES THE ENRAGED NAZIS---

YOU'LL HAVE TO DO BETTER THAN THAT TO CATCH ME!



WHEN SUDDENLY:

GOOD WORK LEOPOLD!



THIS DOOR, MAYBE IT'S UNLOCKED--I'LL TRY IT! GOOD, AH, THERE'S A WINDOW IN HERE, TOO!

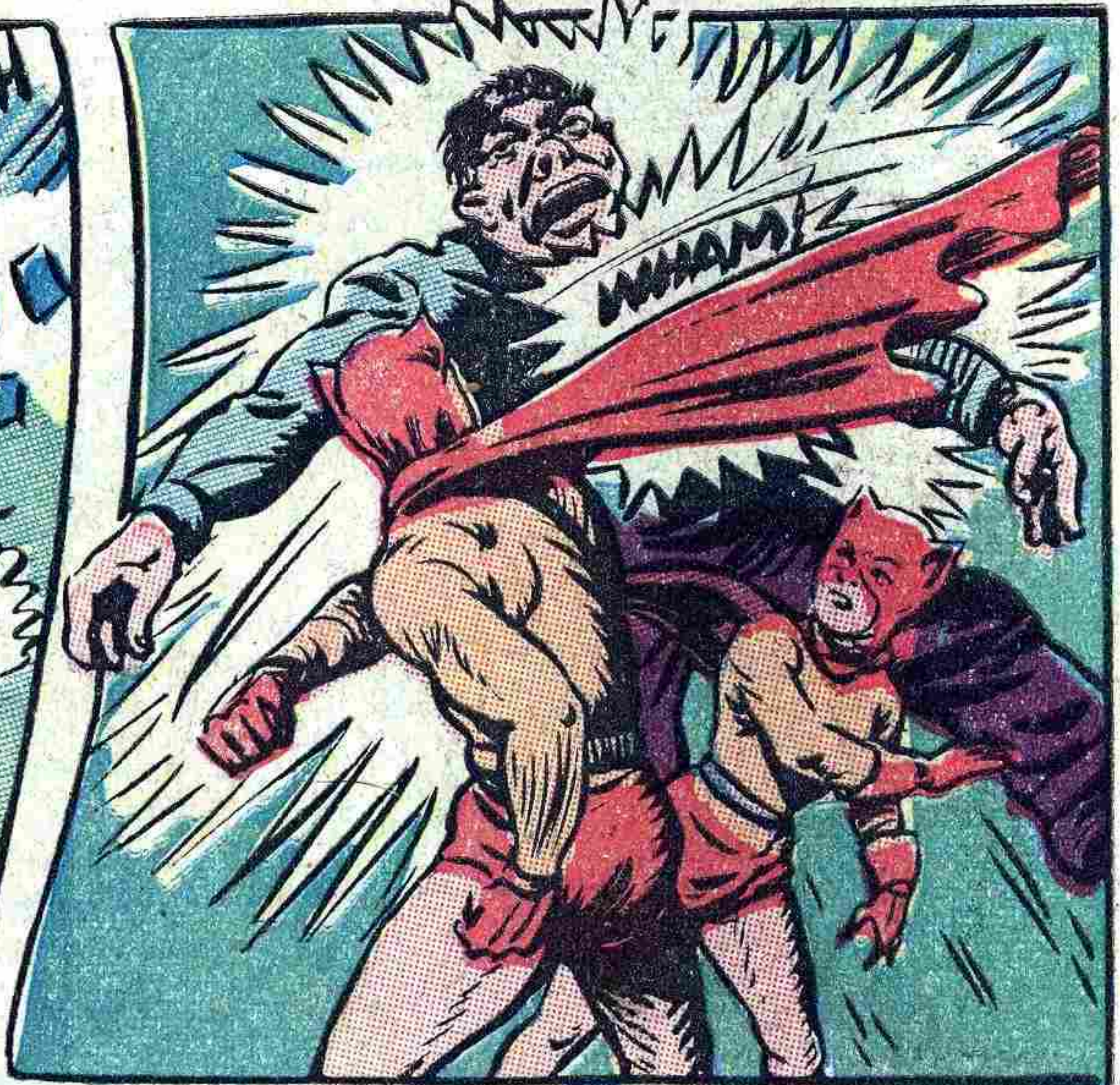


THE CONDENSER! SHE REMOVED IT FROM THE PLANE--IT WON'T RUN WITHOUT IT!

COME LITTLE MASQUERADER, WHERE IS IT? SPEAK, OR LEOPOLD WILL SQUEEZE YOU TO DEATH!



NO! NO! I WON'T TELL YOU!





NIX, CHUM,
MUSTN'T
USE GUNS--
IT'S VERY
DANGEROUS!



COME QUICK!--LOOK OUTSIDE!
IT'S THE 'CAT-MAN' AND THE
'KITTEN'--THEY'RE BOWLING THEM
OVER LIKE TEN PINS!

C'MON, BREAK
DOWN THE DOOR!
THIS IS OUR CHANCE
TO RECOVER OUR
PLANE!



WELL, THAT'S
ALL THERE
IS OF THEM,
I GUESS!

LOOK, UNCLE
DAVID, THE
PILOTS AND THE
PASSENGERS
ARE COMING--
WE BETTER
BEAT IT!



TIE THEM UP FOLKS,
SO LONG!

ROUND
THE
BACK
FOR US,
KITTEN!

YOU'LL FIND THE
CONDENSER
UNDER THE
PILOT'S SEAT!

HEY!
WAIT!



A FEW MINUTES LATER--!

HEY, WHAT'S ALL
THE EXCITEMENT
ABOUT--WHAT'S
GOIN' ON HERE?

THE 'CAT-MAN' AND THE
'KITTEN' DID THIS--
GIVE US A HAND
TIEING THEM UP!

THE NAZIS ARE
LOADED INTO
THE PLANE.
THE CONDENSER
IS REPLACED,
AND THE BIG
SHIP AGAIN
ROARS INTO
THE AIR
HEADED FOR ITS
ORIGINAL
DESTINATION!

THANKS FOR LANDING THE SHIP
LIEUTENANT--THEY INTENDED USING
IT TO GET OUT OF THE COUNTRY--
THE F.B.I. WAS MAKING IT TOO
HOT FOR THEM I GUESS, BUT
THE 'CAT-MAN' REALLY MADE IT
HOT!

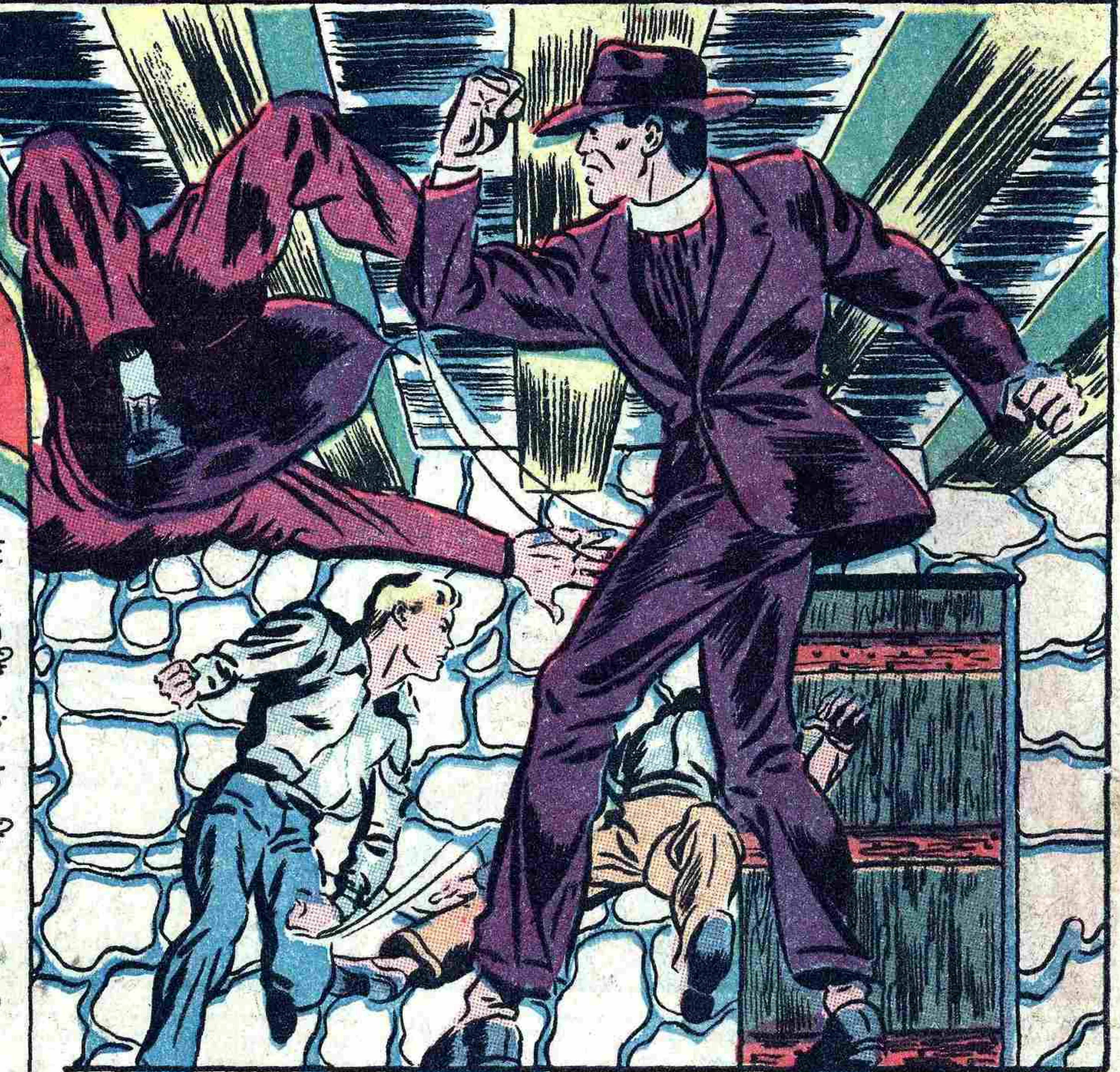


DON'T MISS THE NEXT
THRILLING ADVENTURE OF THE
CAT-MAN AND THE KITTEN IN
THE NEXT CATMAN COMICS!

THE DEACON

WHAT WAS THE SECRET BEHIND THE MYSTERIOUS RING AND THE STRANGE SYMBOL OF THE TWO CROSSED CIRCLES?

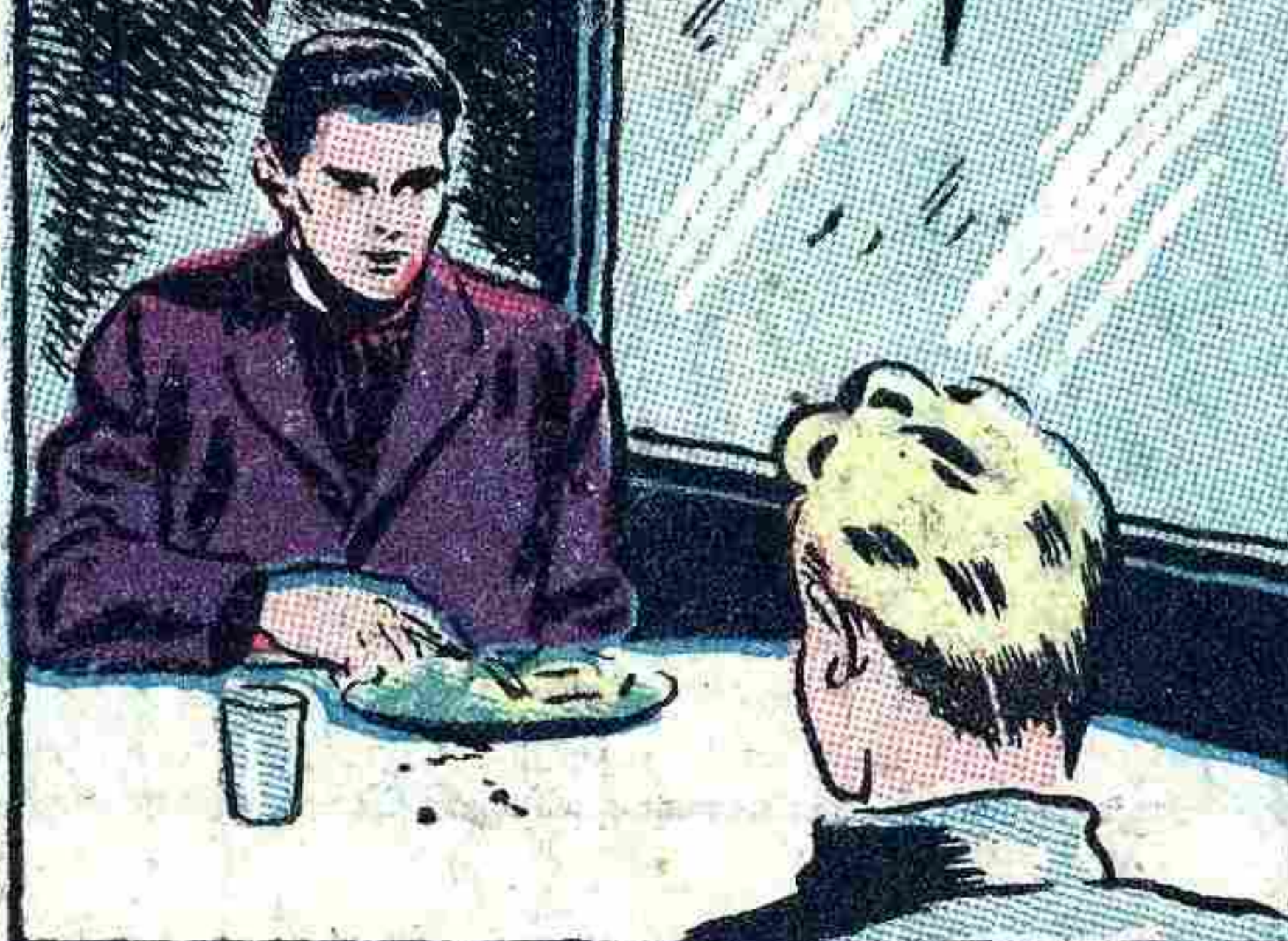
WHAT GHASTLY INSTRUMENT OF DESTRUCTION REPOSED WITHIN THE SECRET VAULT BENEATH THE RUINED ABBEY? ONCE AGAIN, THE DEACON AND HIS PLUCKY LITTLE SIDE-KICK, MICKEY, PLUNGE INTO AN ADVENTURE PACKED WITH THRILLS AND EXCITEMENT!



THE DEACON AND MICKEY ARE DINING AT A LOCAL RESTAURANT!

THEY CERTAINLY HAVE GOOD FOOD IN THIS PLACE! DO YOU WANT ANYTHING ELSE?

(GULP)... I'LL HAVE ANOTHER PIECE OF APPLE PIE!

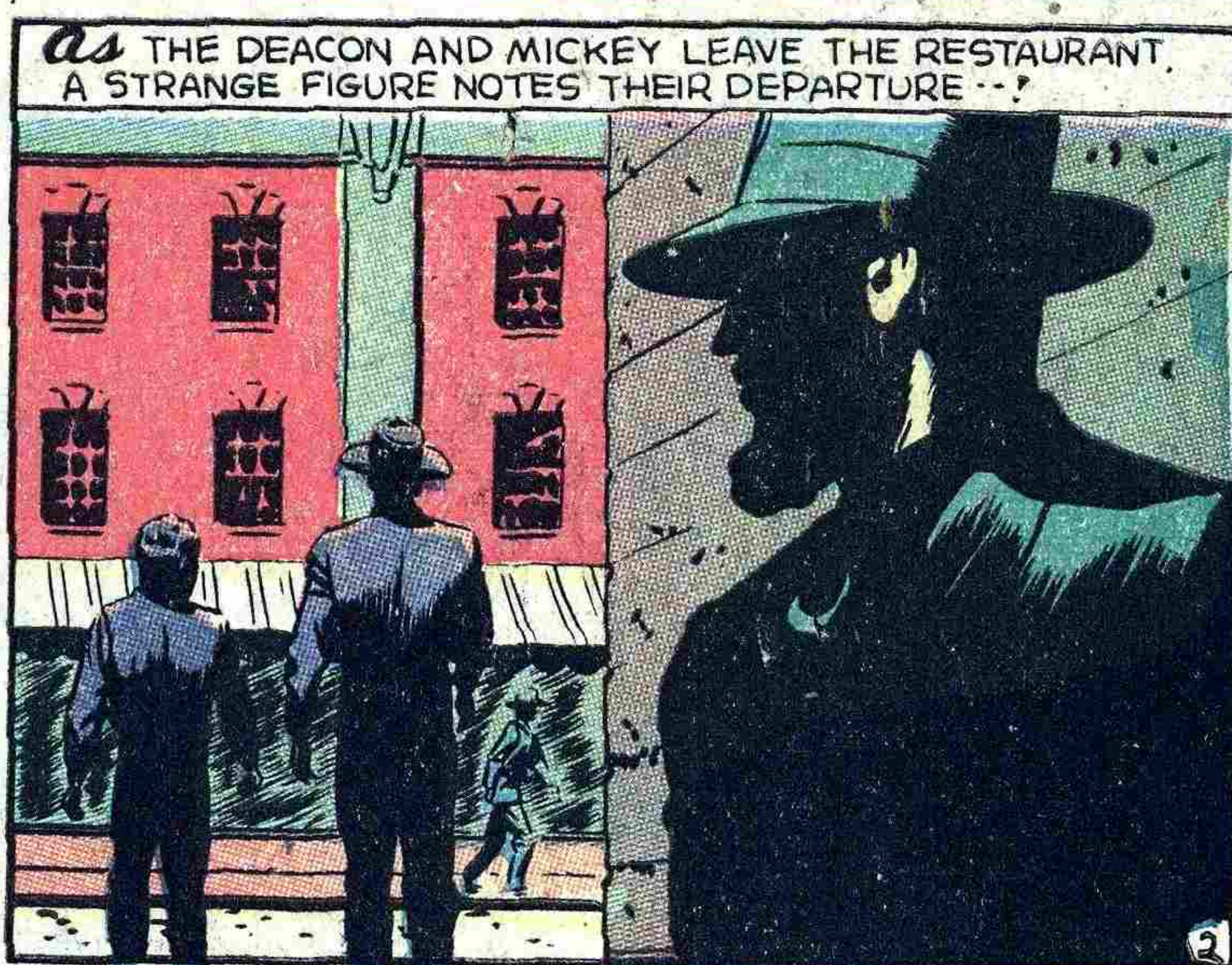
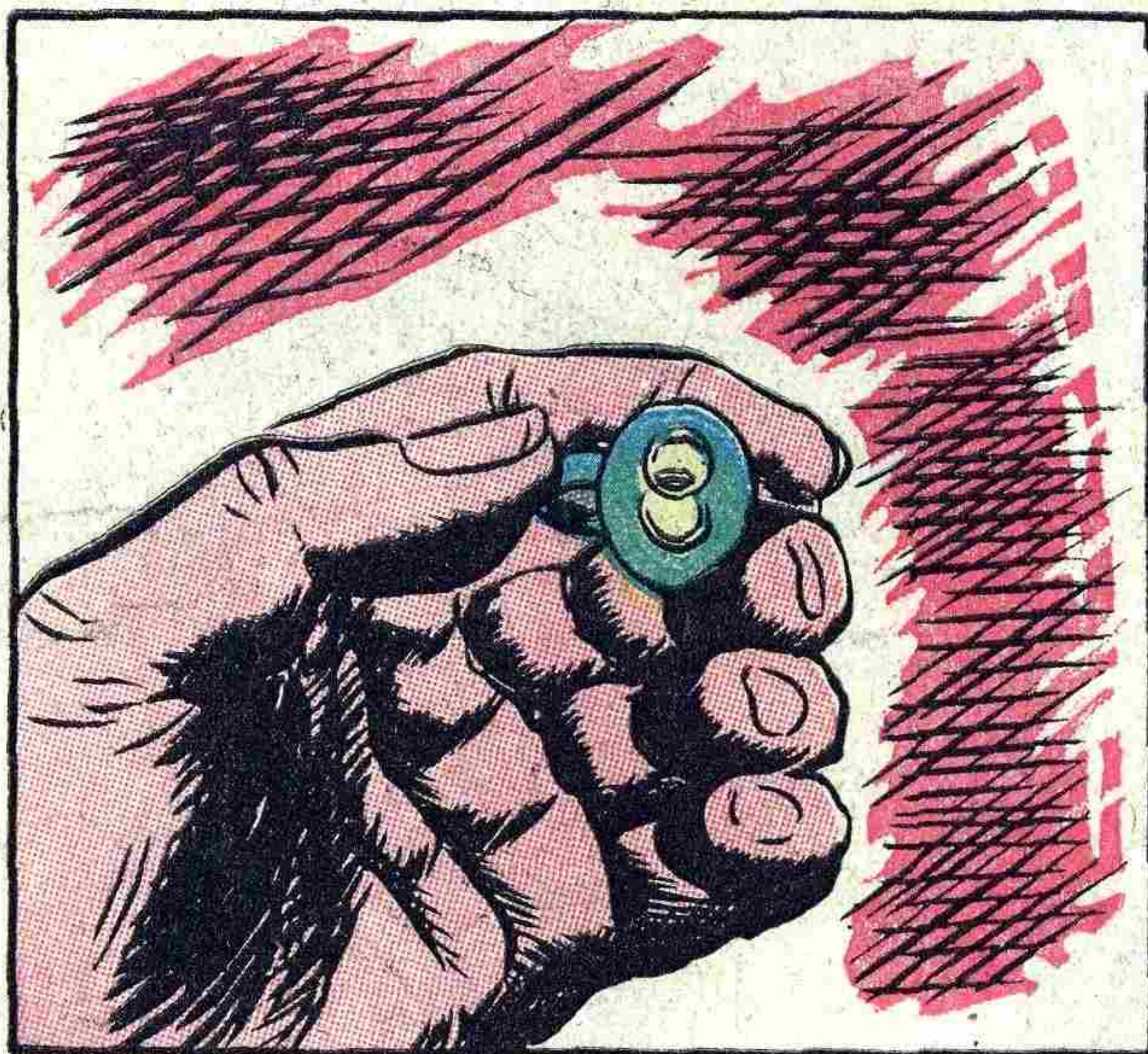


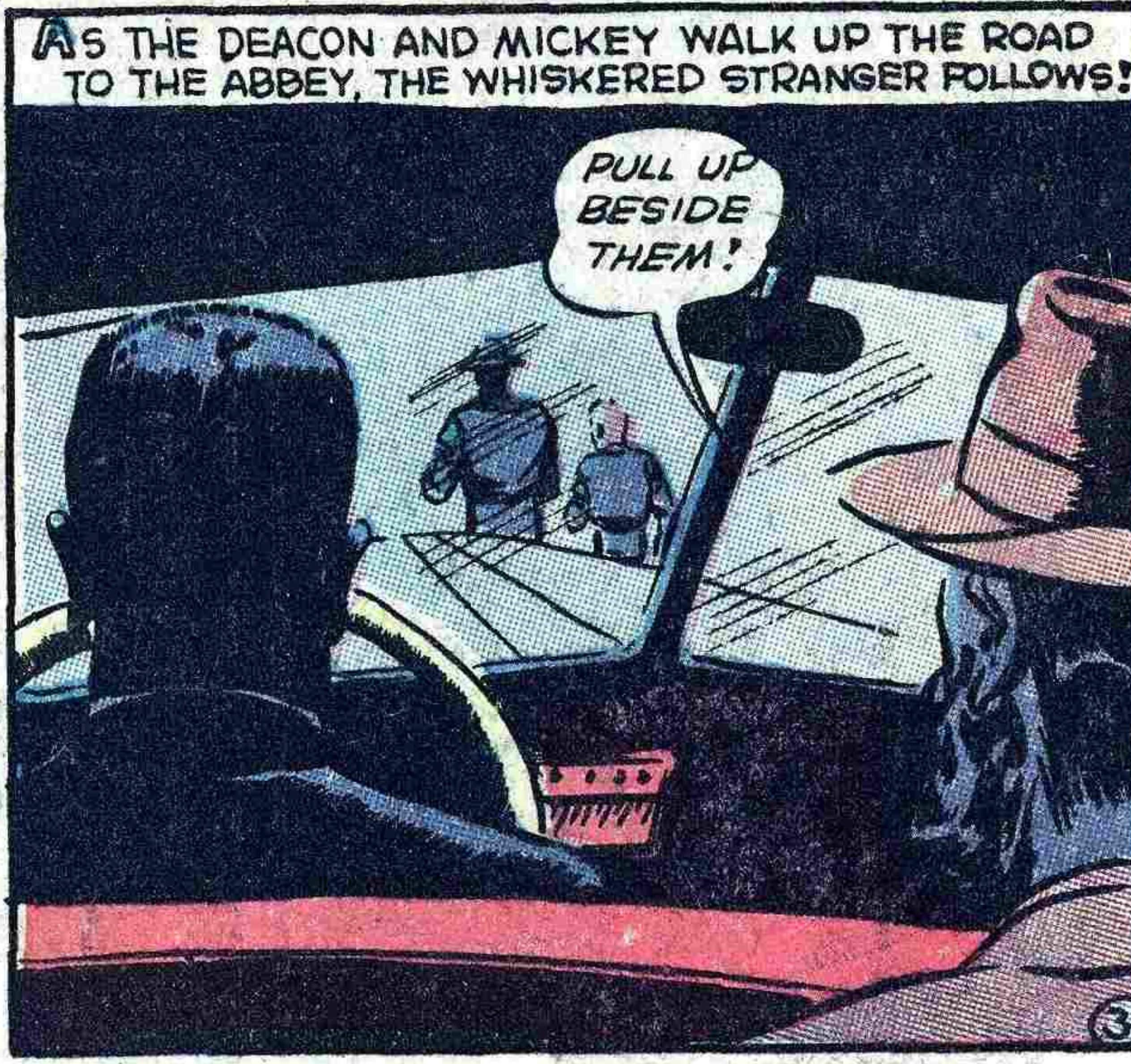
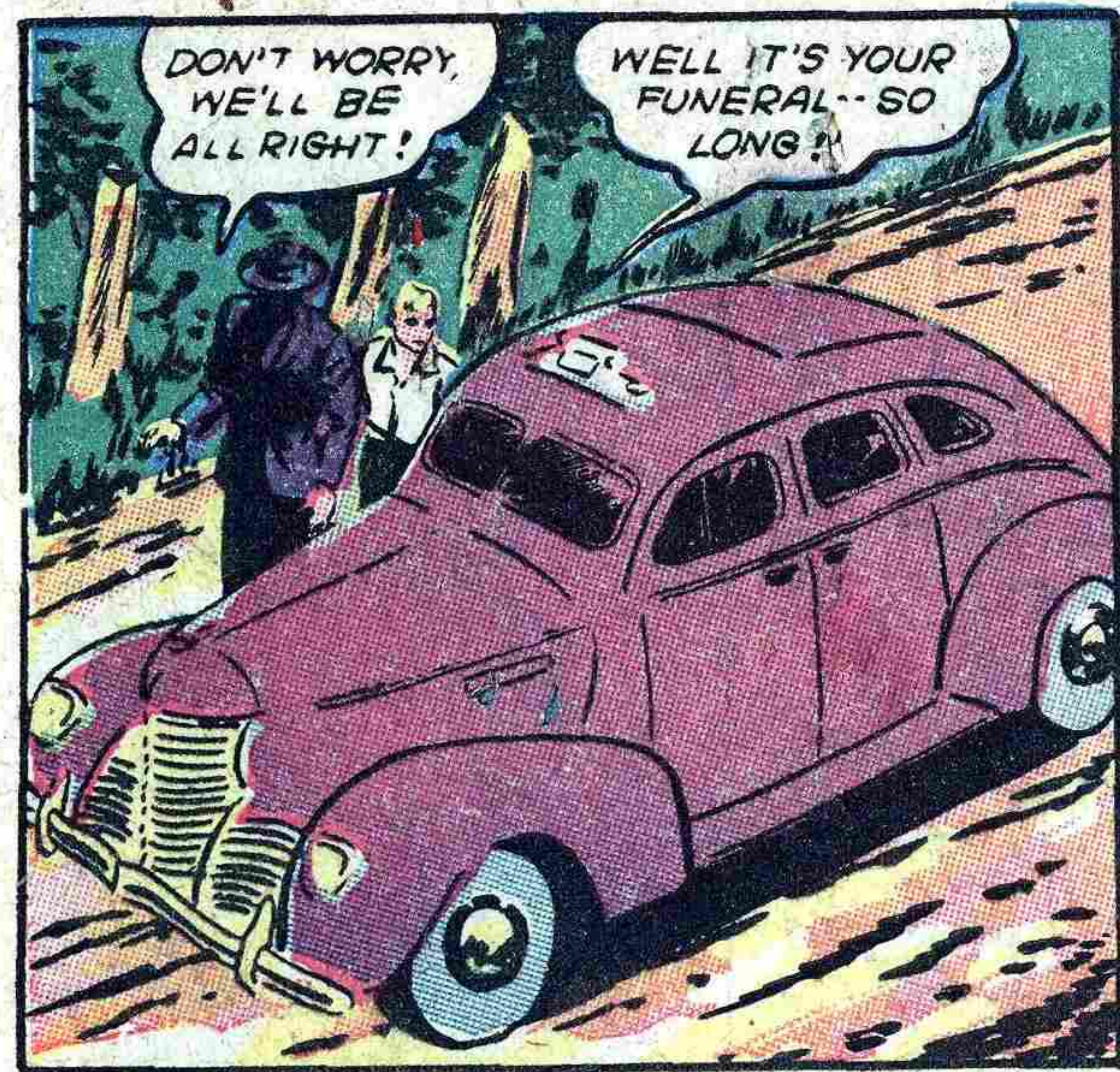
SUDDENLY, A SHADOW APPEARS AT THE WINDOW!

WAITER!

WHAT TH--?











WHO ARE YOU?

MY NAME IS ROGERS, THE ASSISTANT TO PROFESSOR HURST-- HE OWNS THIS ABBEY!



THEN PER- HAPS YOU CAN TELL ME THE MEANING OF THIS RING!

YES, THAT RING IS THE KEY TO THE PROFESSOR'S SECRET VAULT!



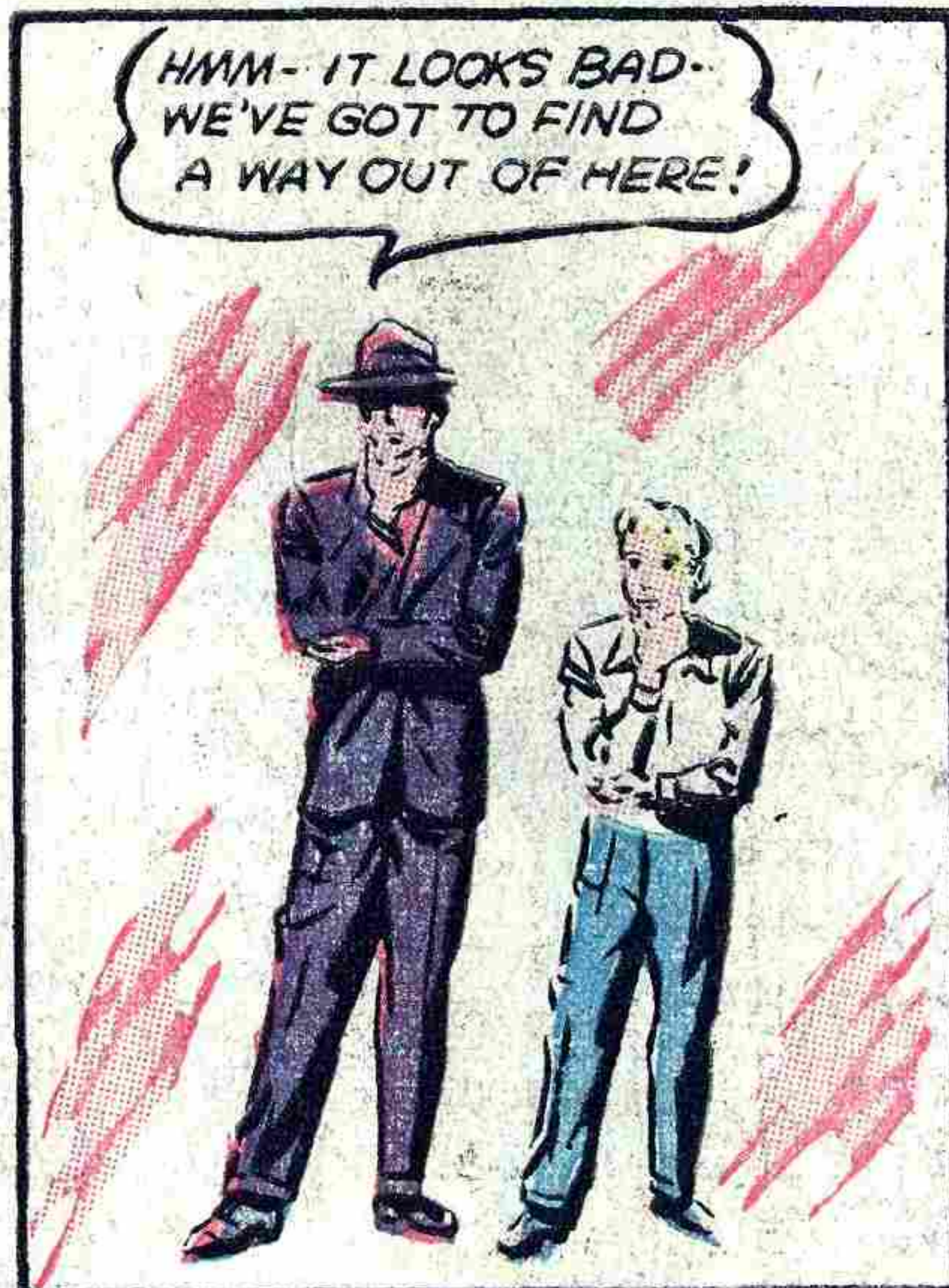
YOU SEE, I THREW THAT RING THROUGH THE RESTAURANT WINDOW! PROFESSOR HURST HAS INVENTED A NEW DEMOLITION BOMB--A BOMB WHOSE EXPLOSIVE POWER STAGGERS THE IMAGINATION!



THE GESTAPO HERE IN AMERICA, HEARD OF THE INVENTION SOME- HOW AND LAST NIGHT THEY RAIDED THE ABBEY AND LOCKED THE PROFESSOR IN A CELL JUST DOWN THE HALL... I NEEDED YOUR HELP!



ON THE WAY BACK, I WAS CAP- TURED BY WESSEL, THE GESTAPO CHIEF-- HE IS GOING TO KILL THE PROFESSOR UNLESS HE GETS THE KEY TO THE VAULT!



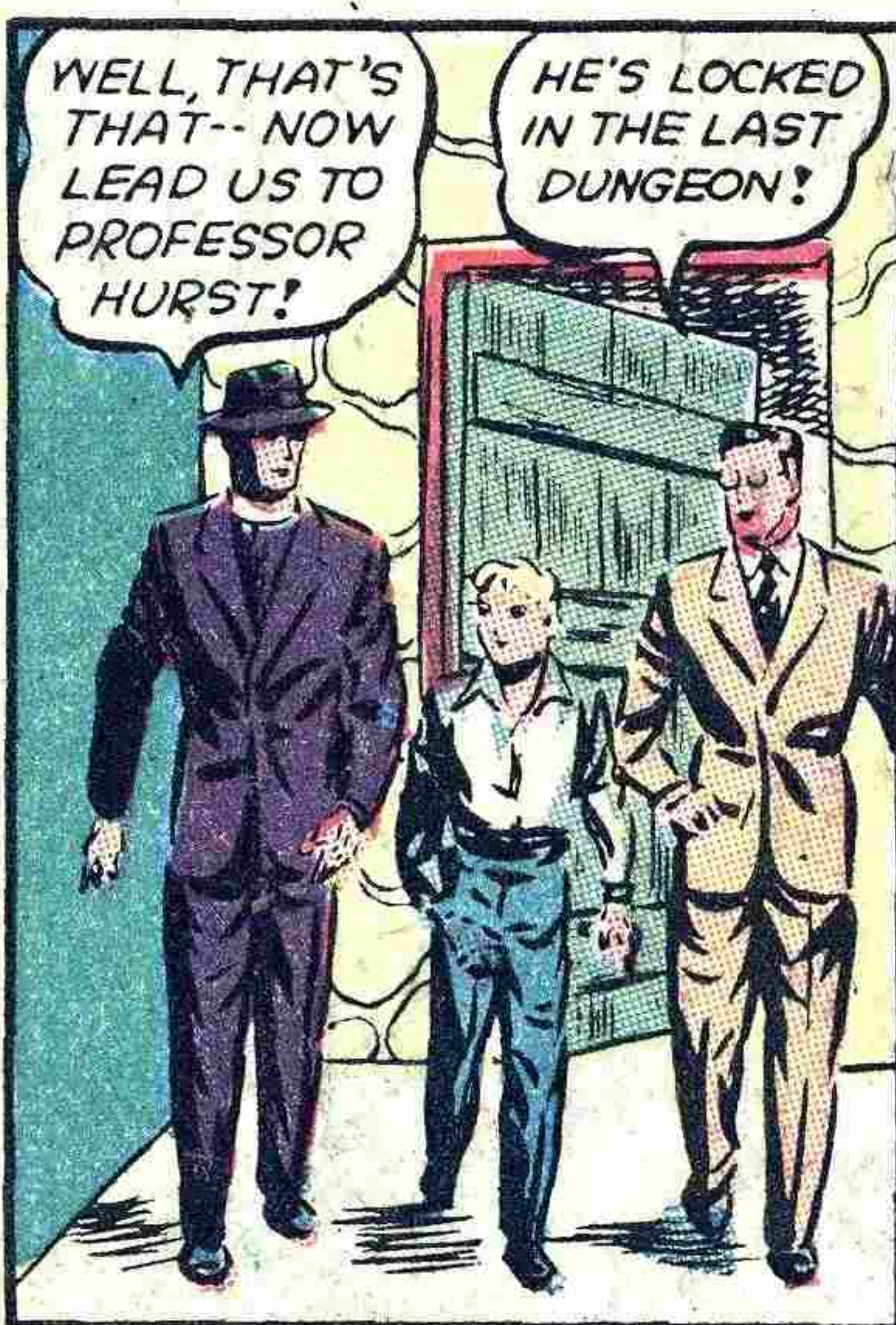
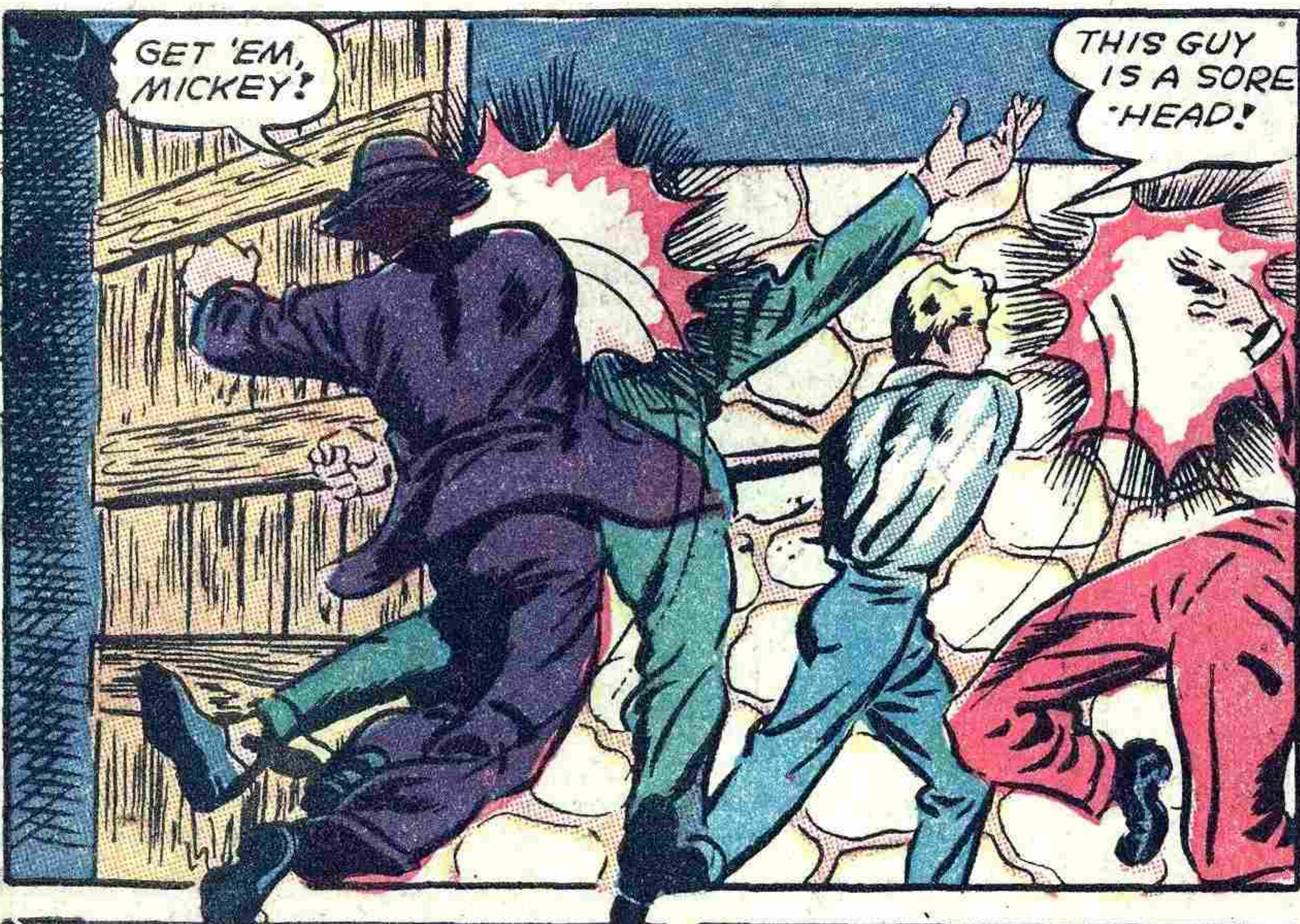
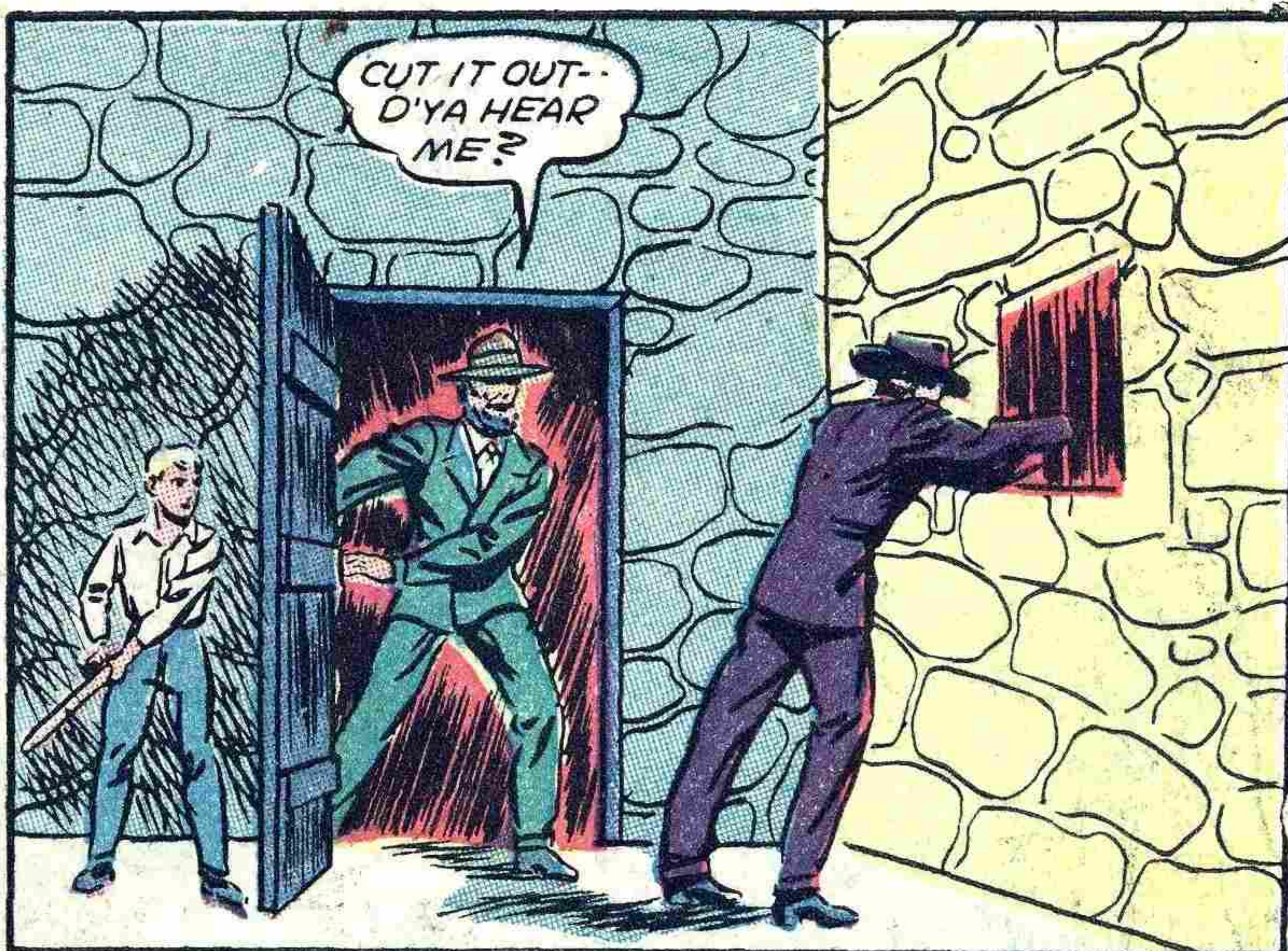
HMM-- IT LOOKS BAD-- WE'VE GOT TO FIND A WAY OUT OF HERE!

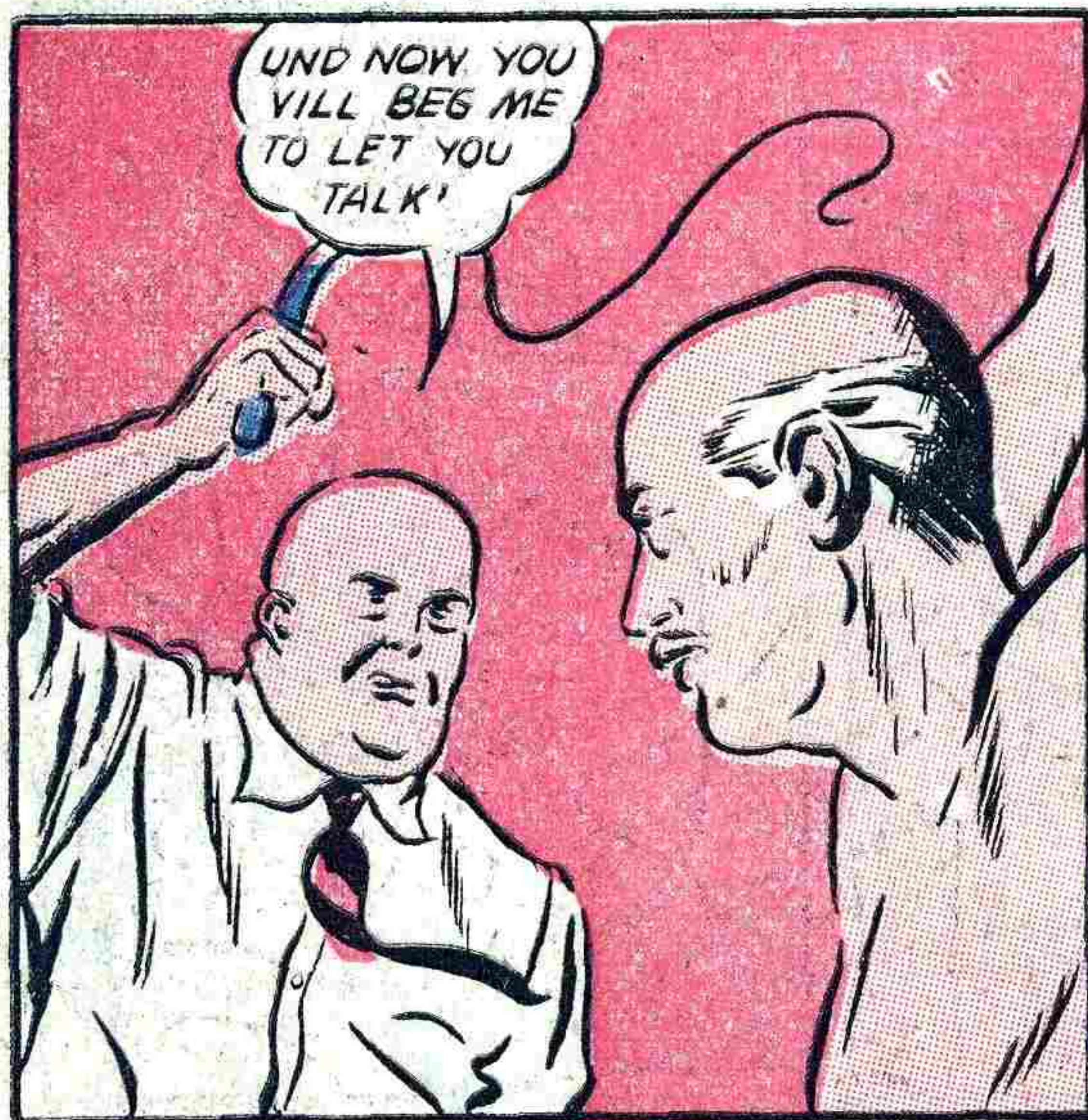
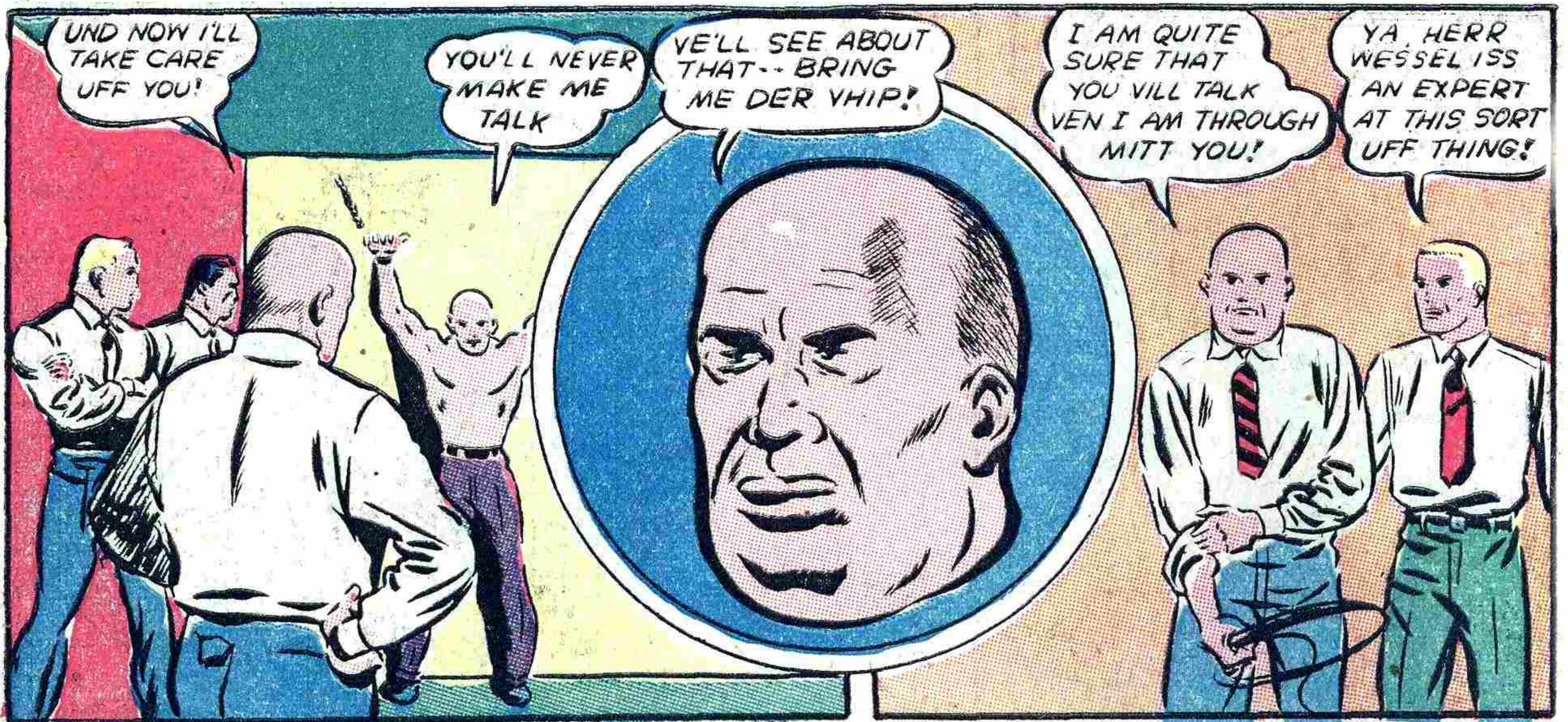


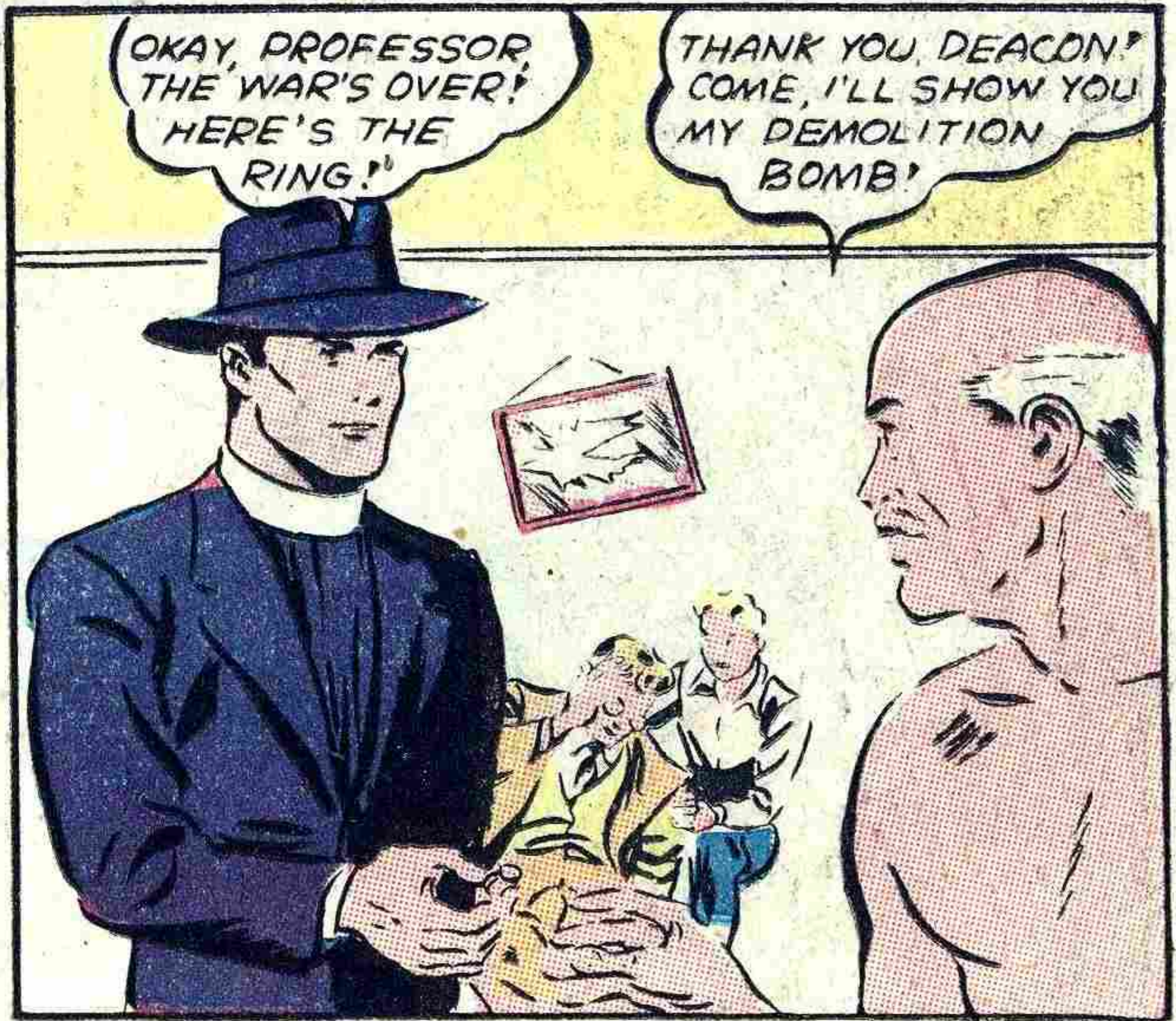
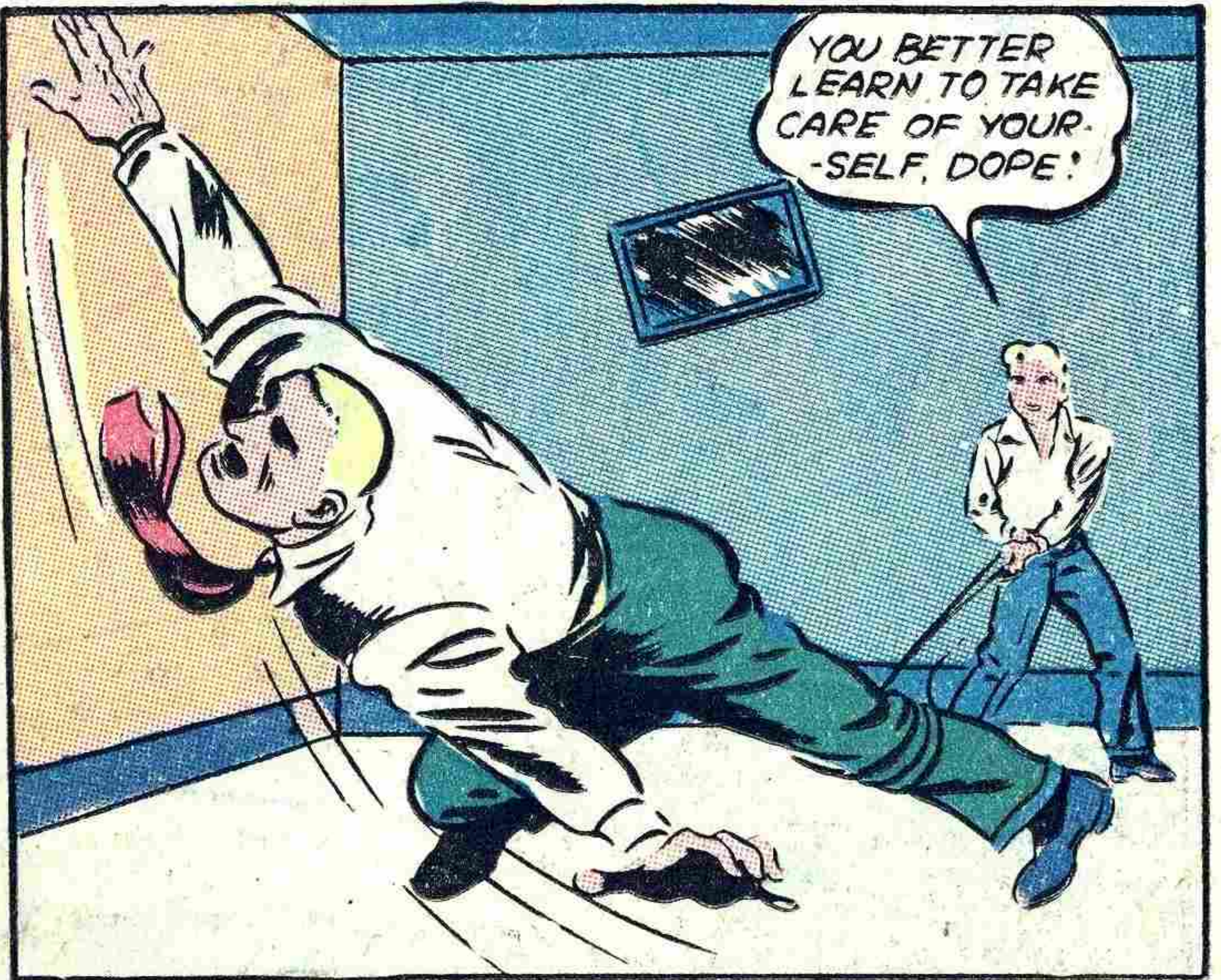
I'VE GOT IT-- START SCREAMING ROGERS-- AND LISTEN, MICKEY--



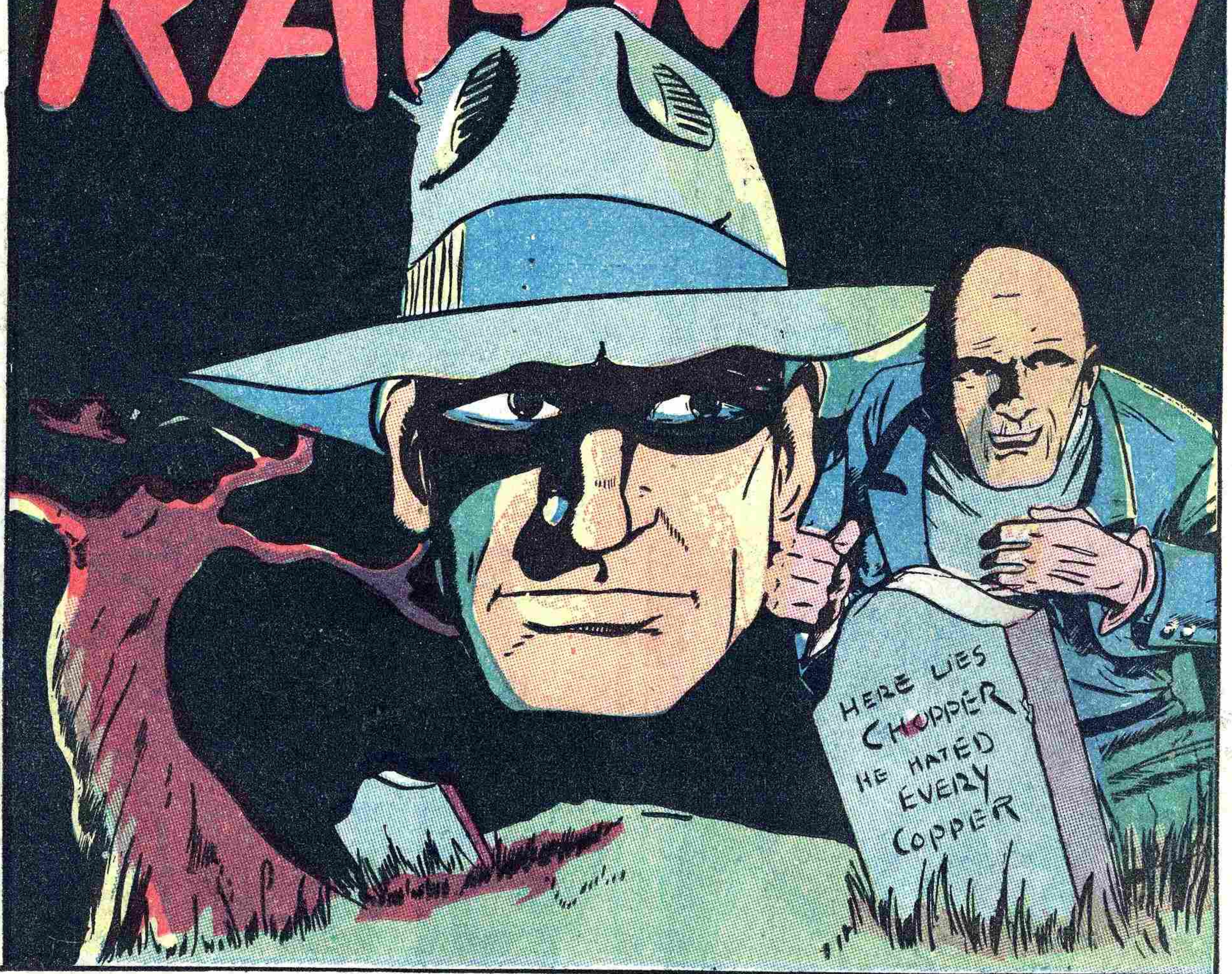
HELP! HELP-- HE'S KILLING ME-- HELP!

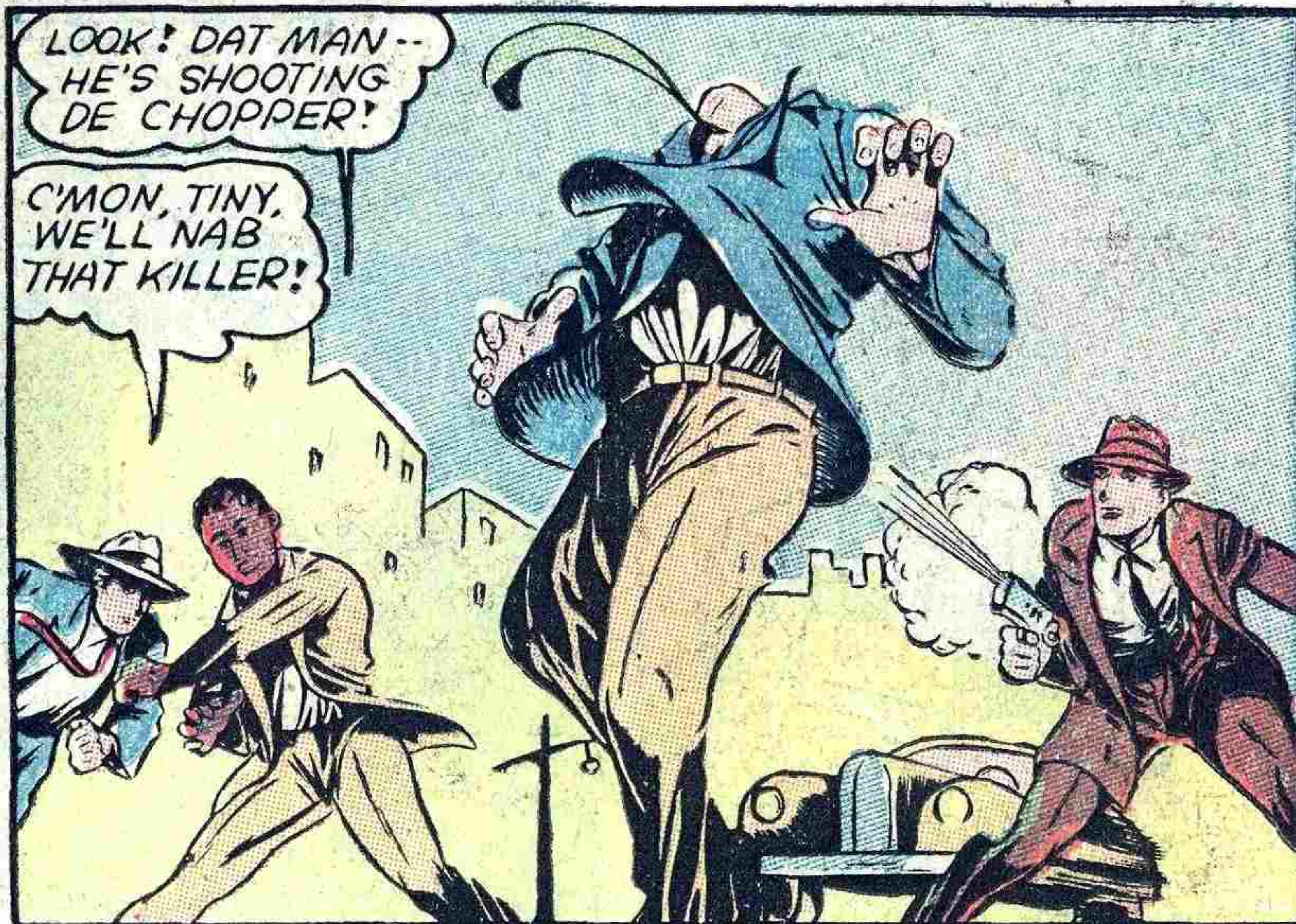
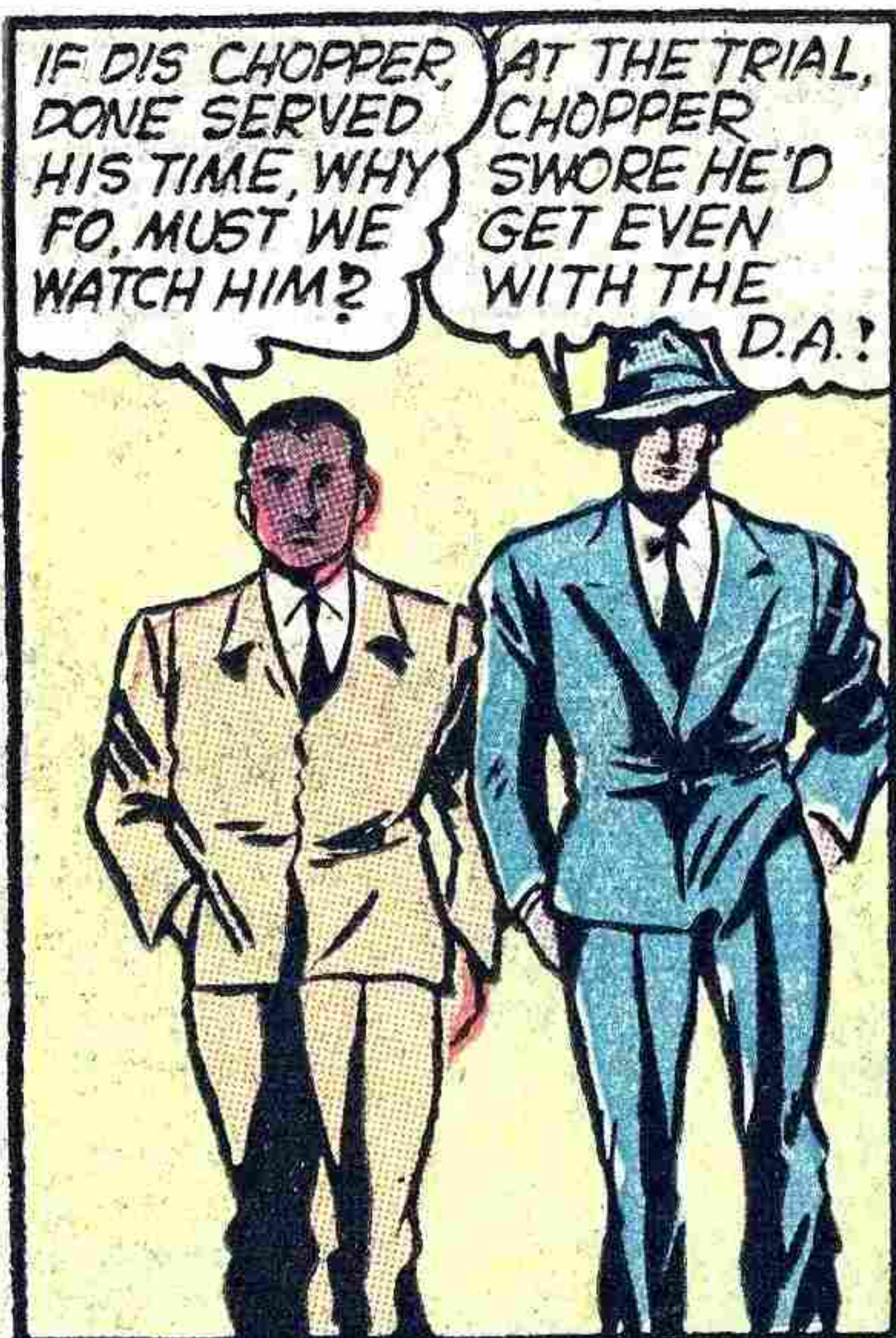


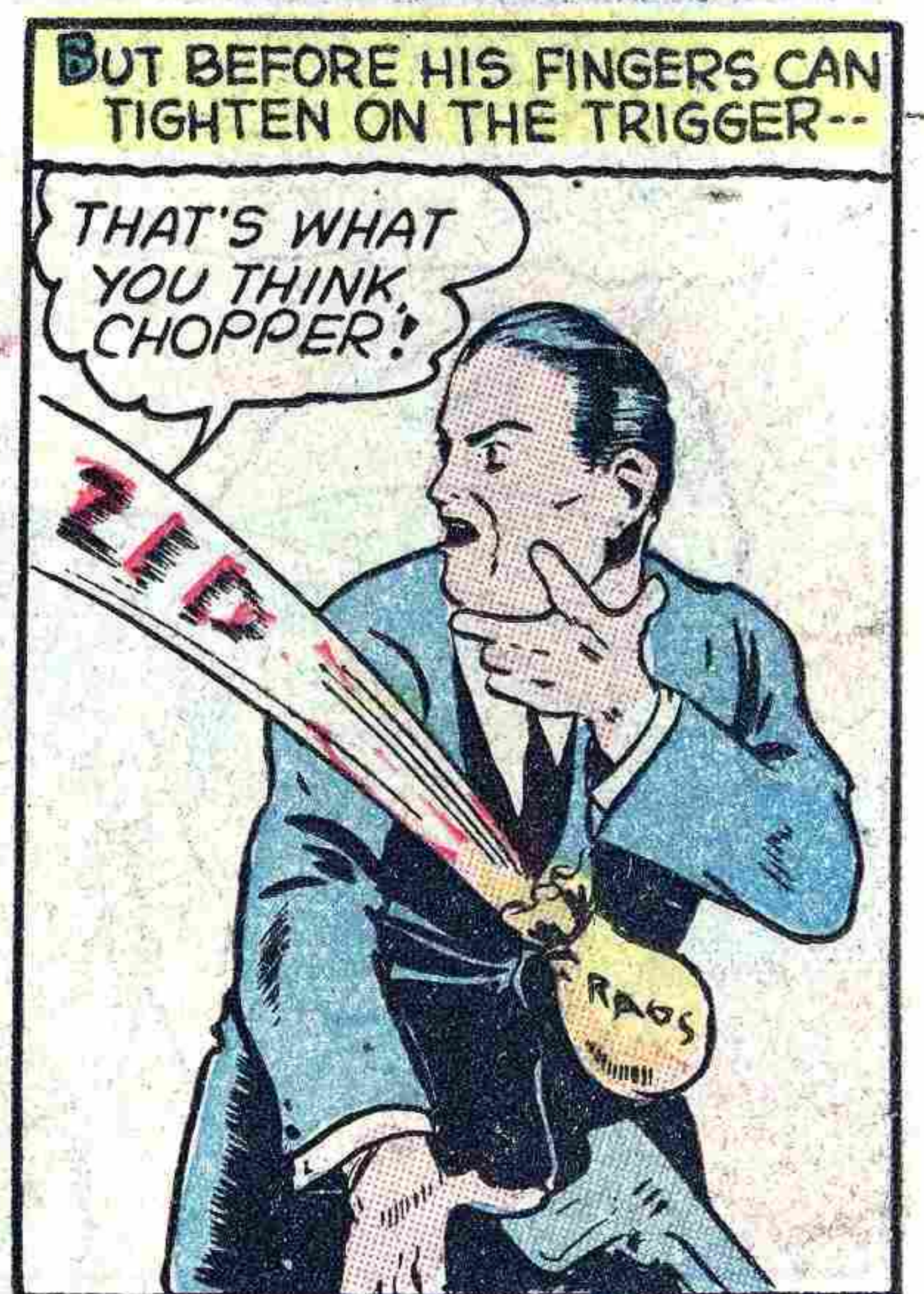


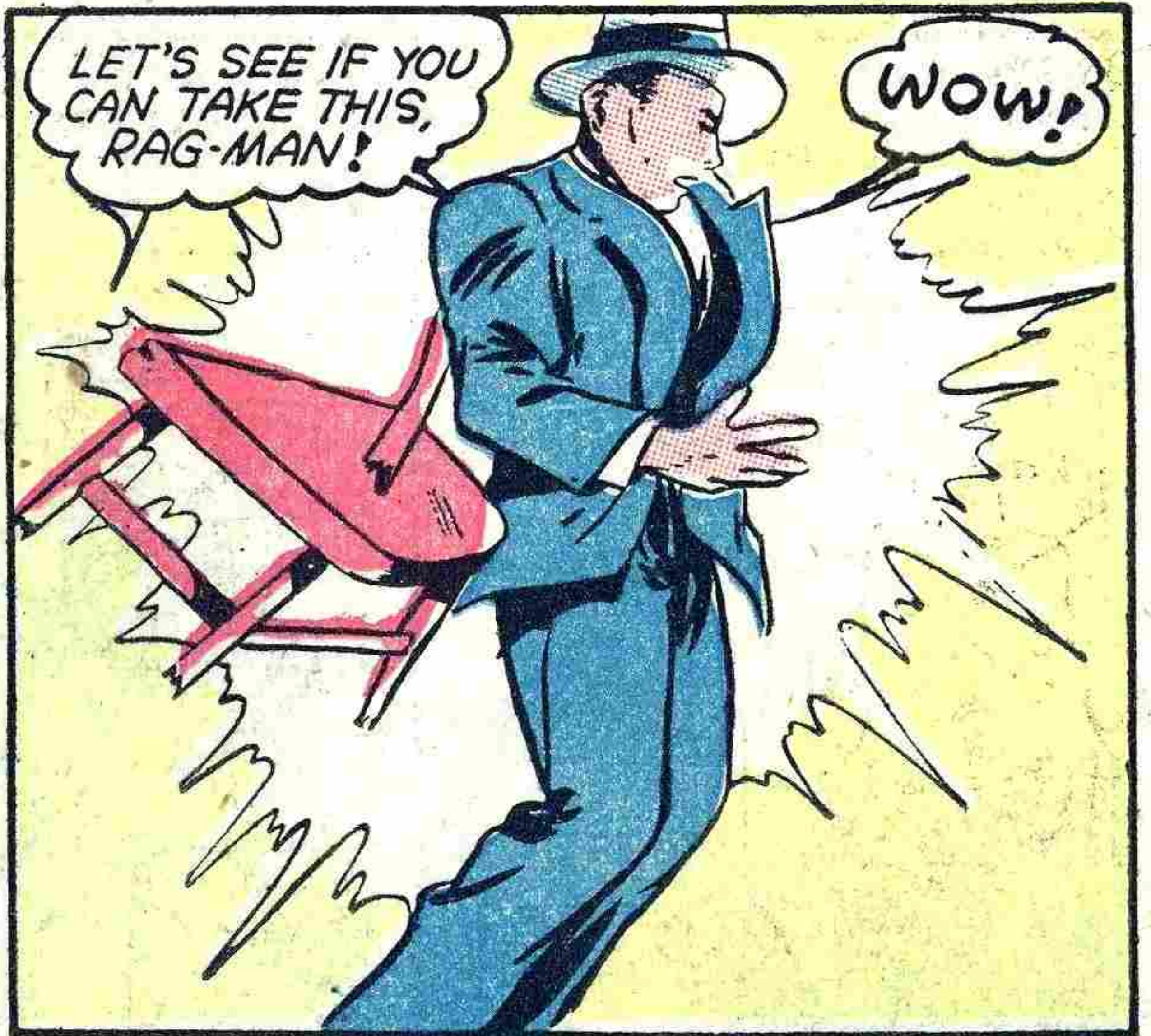


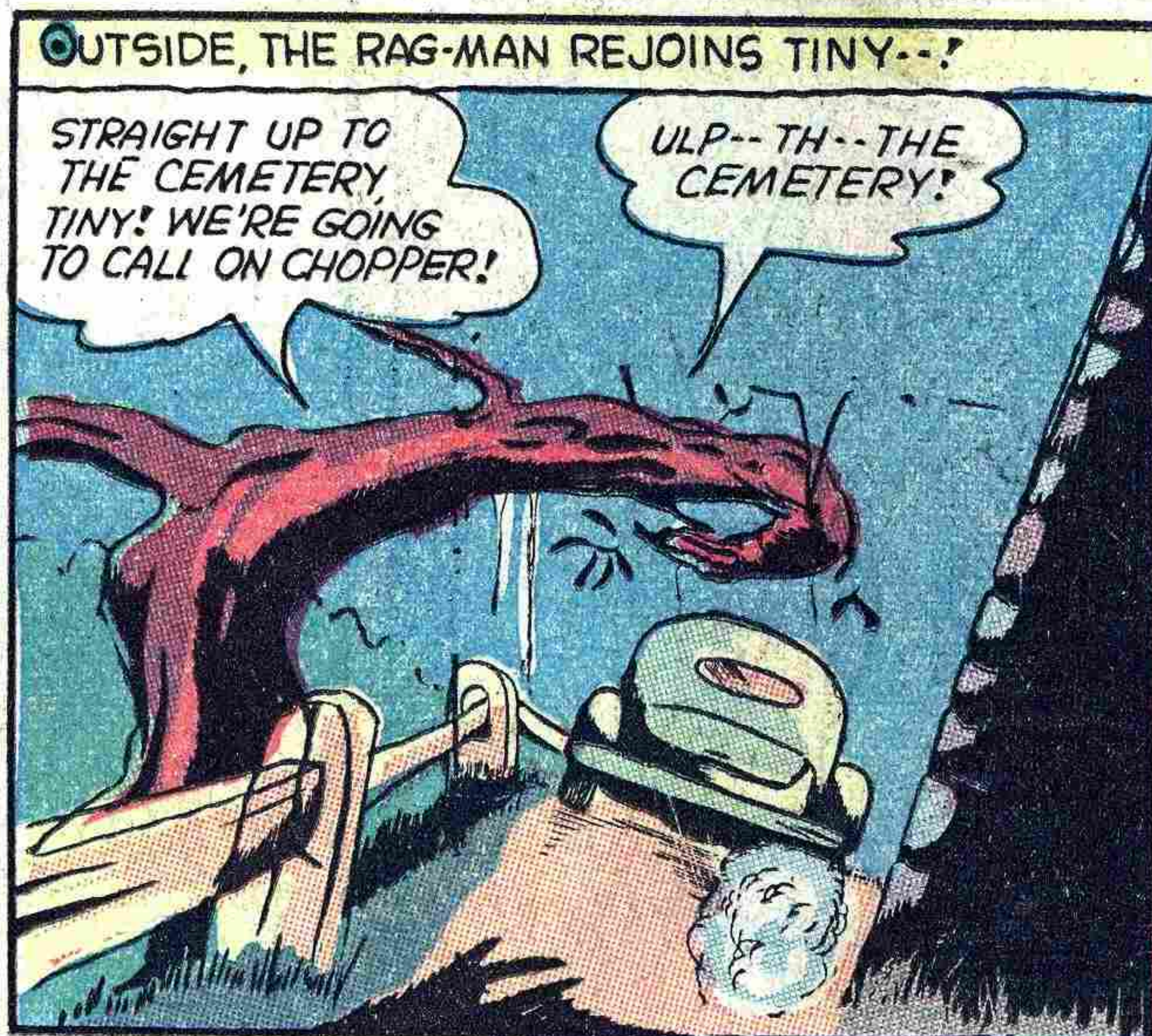
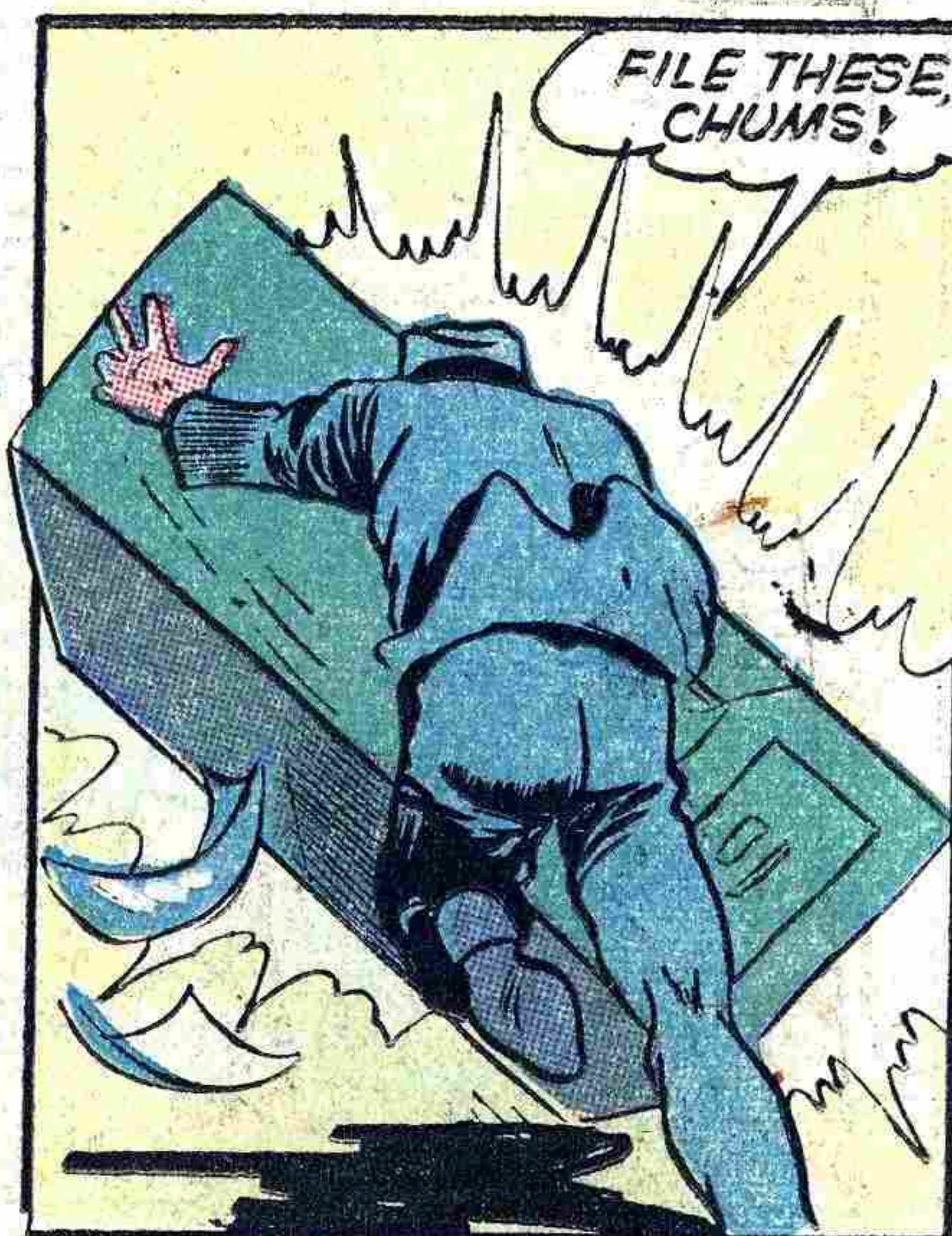
RAGMAN













WHAT AM THIS,
SATAN'S BAN-
QUET HALL?

HEY, IT'S THE
RAG-MAN'S STOOGES!
HE FOUND THE
HIDEOUT--DRILL
HIM!



I'LL BLAST
HIS--WHAT
THE--!



YOU'LL
DO
WHAT?



YIPES!--IT'S--
IT'S--THE
RAG-MAN!



I'M GETTING
OUT OF
HERE!



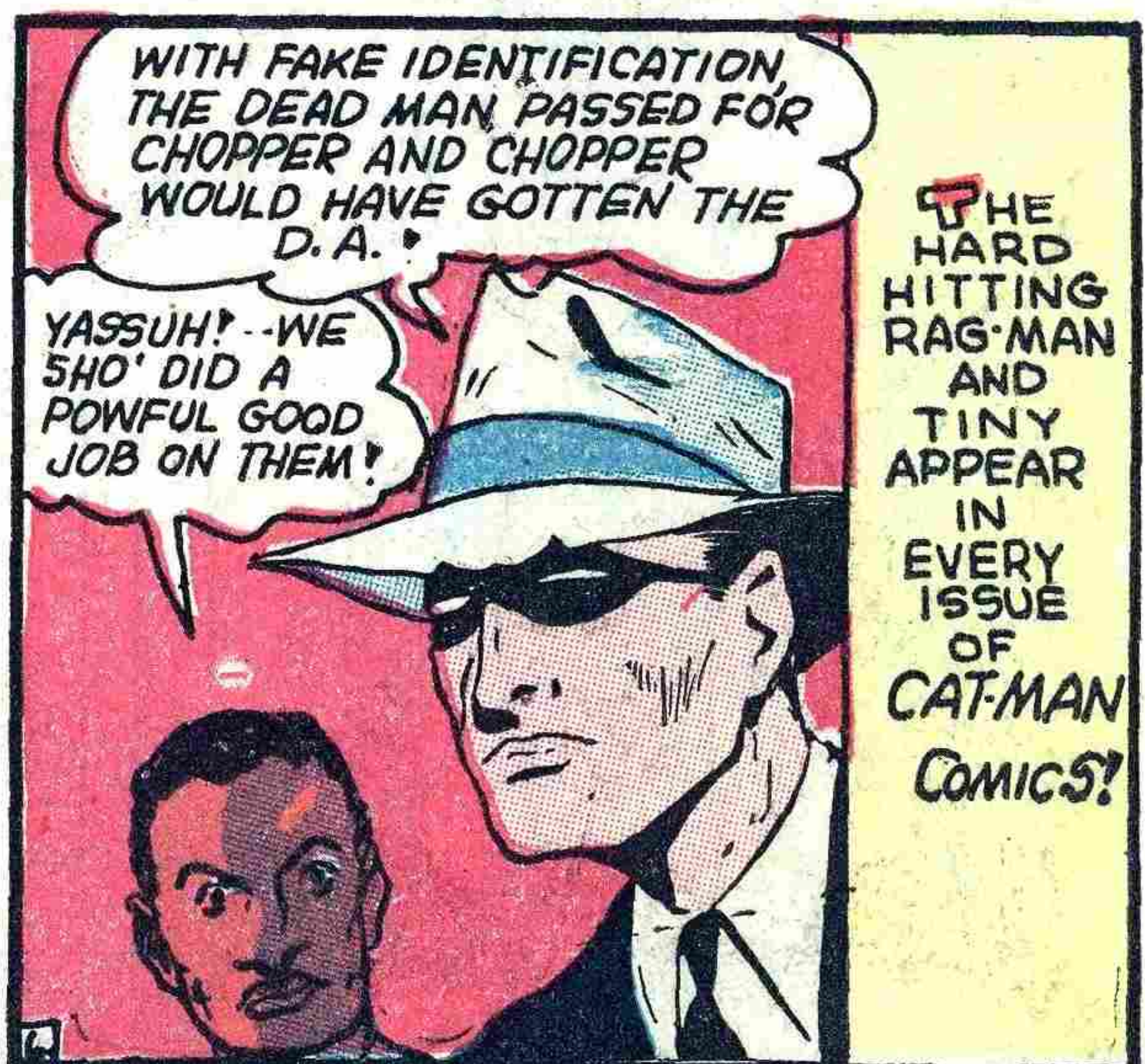
YOU'RE GOING OUT,
BUT NOT THE
WAY YOU
THINK!



LATER, WHEN THE PRISONERS ARE TURNED
OVER TO THE POLICE!

AH'S ALL BEFUDDLED,
MISTAH RAG-MAN--
IF THAT WASN'T
CHOPPER BUMPED
OFF--WHO THEN?

IT WAS A MISSING
MAN WHO LOOKED
LIKE CHOPPER--
CHOPPER'S MEN KID-
NAPPED THAT GUY
AND TURNED HIM
LOOSE TO BE BUMPED
OFF!



WITH FAKE IDENTIFICATION,
THE DEAD MAN PASSED FOR
CHOPPER AND CHOPPER
WOULD HAVE GOTTEN THE
D.A.

YASSUH!--WE
SHO' DID A
POWERFUL GOOD
JOB ON THEM!

THE
HARD
HITTING
RAG-MAN
AND
TINY
APPEAR
IN
EVERY
ISSUE
OF
CAT-MAN
COMICS!

Little Leaders

BEHIND THE GRIM WALLS OF THE NAZI HIDEAWAY, A SINISTER PLOT IS ORGANIZED-- A PLOT BREWED IN HATE AND RUTHLESS CONQUEST! **C**AN THE LITTLE LEADERS DESTROY THIS CONSPIRACY THAT THREATENS THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF AMERICA?

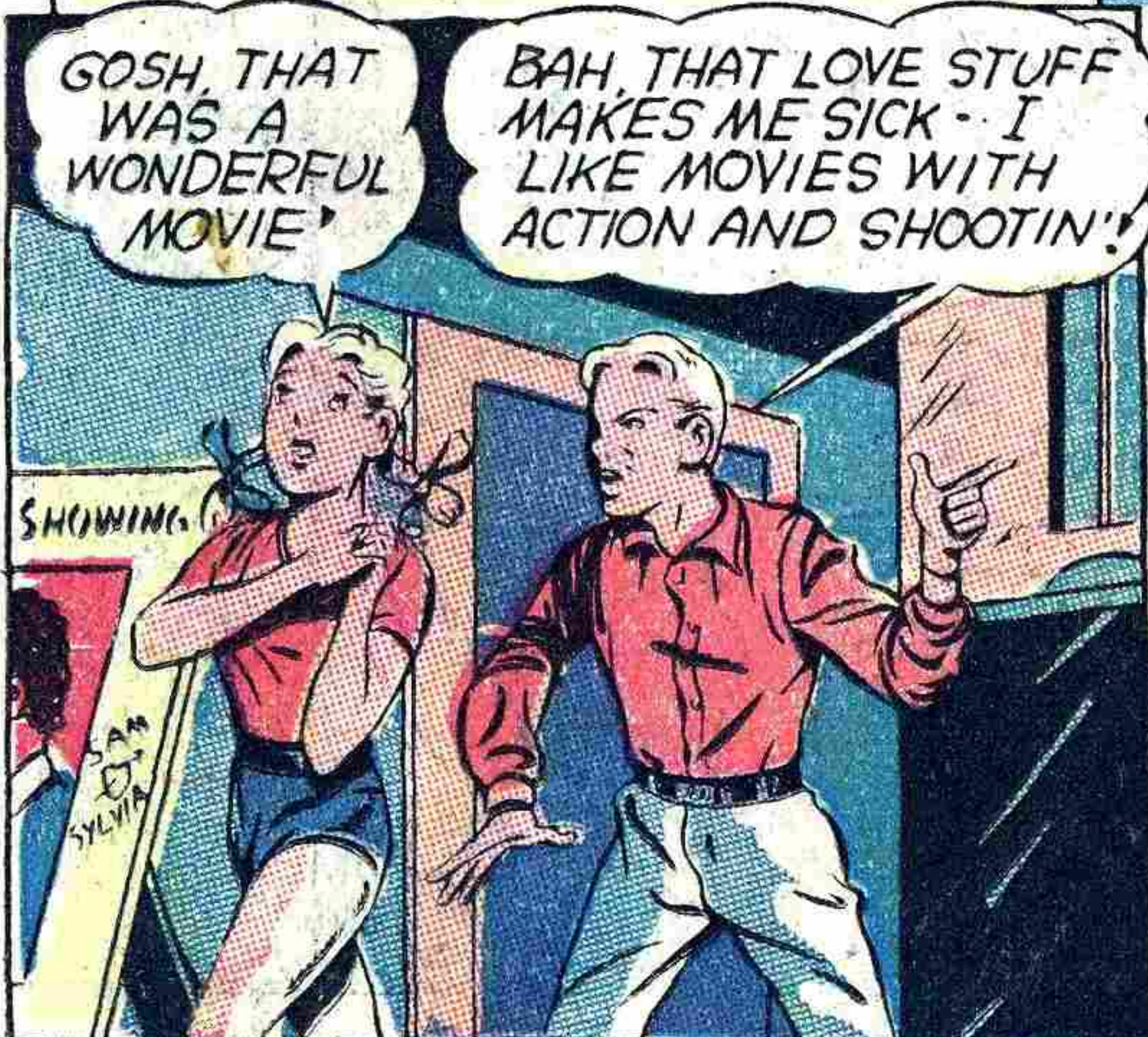


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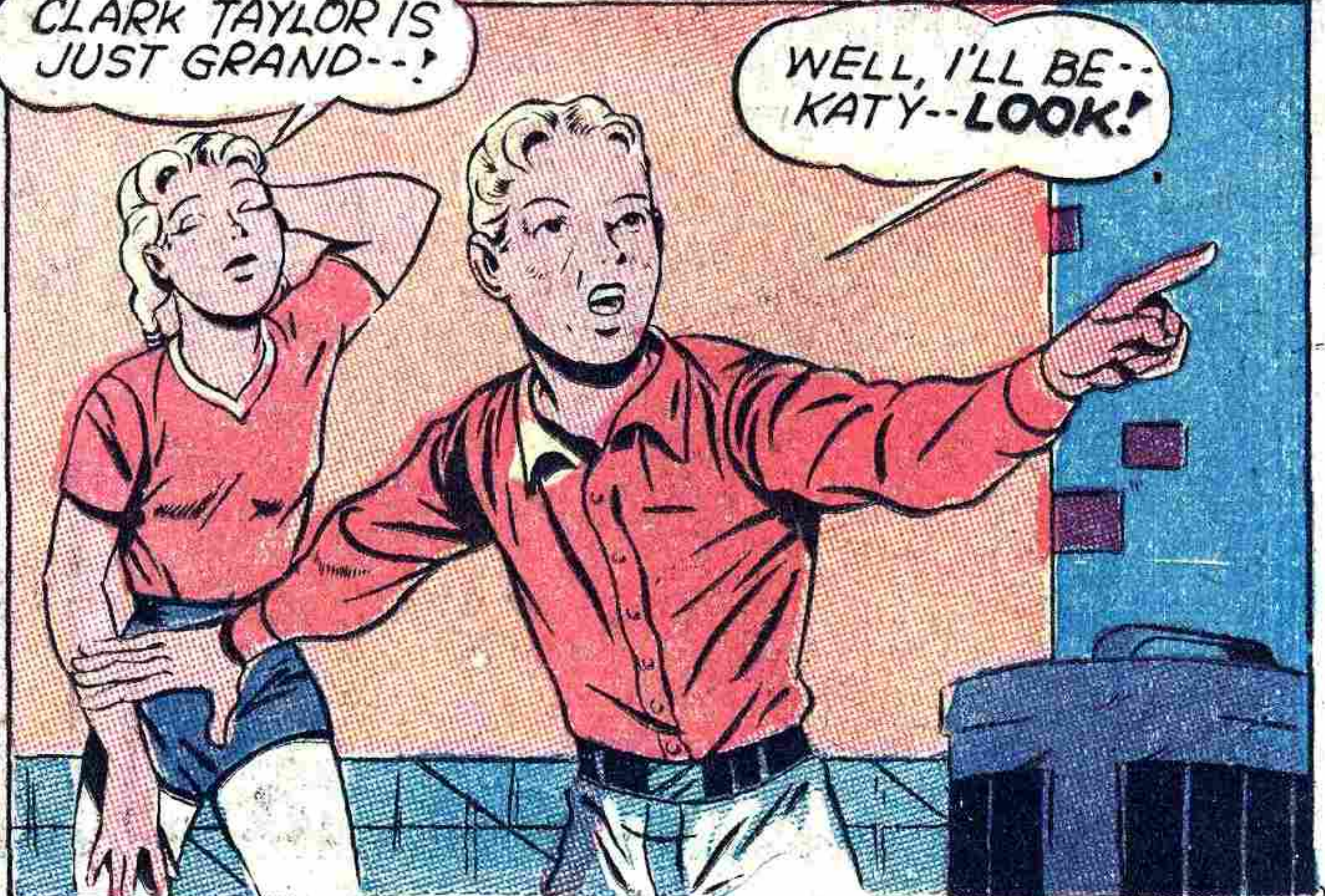
MICKEY AND KATIE CONN HAVE ATTENDED A MOVIE AT A LOCAL THEATRE

MICKEY IS ESCORTING KATIE TO HER HOME, WHEN-- SUDDENLY--!



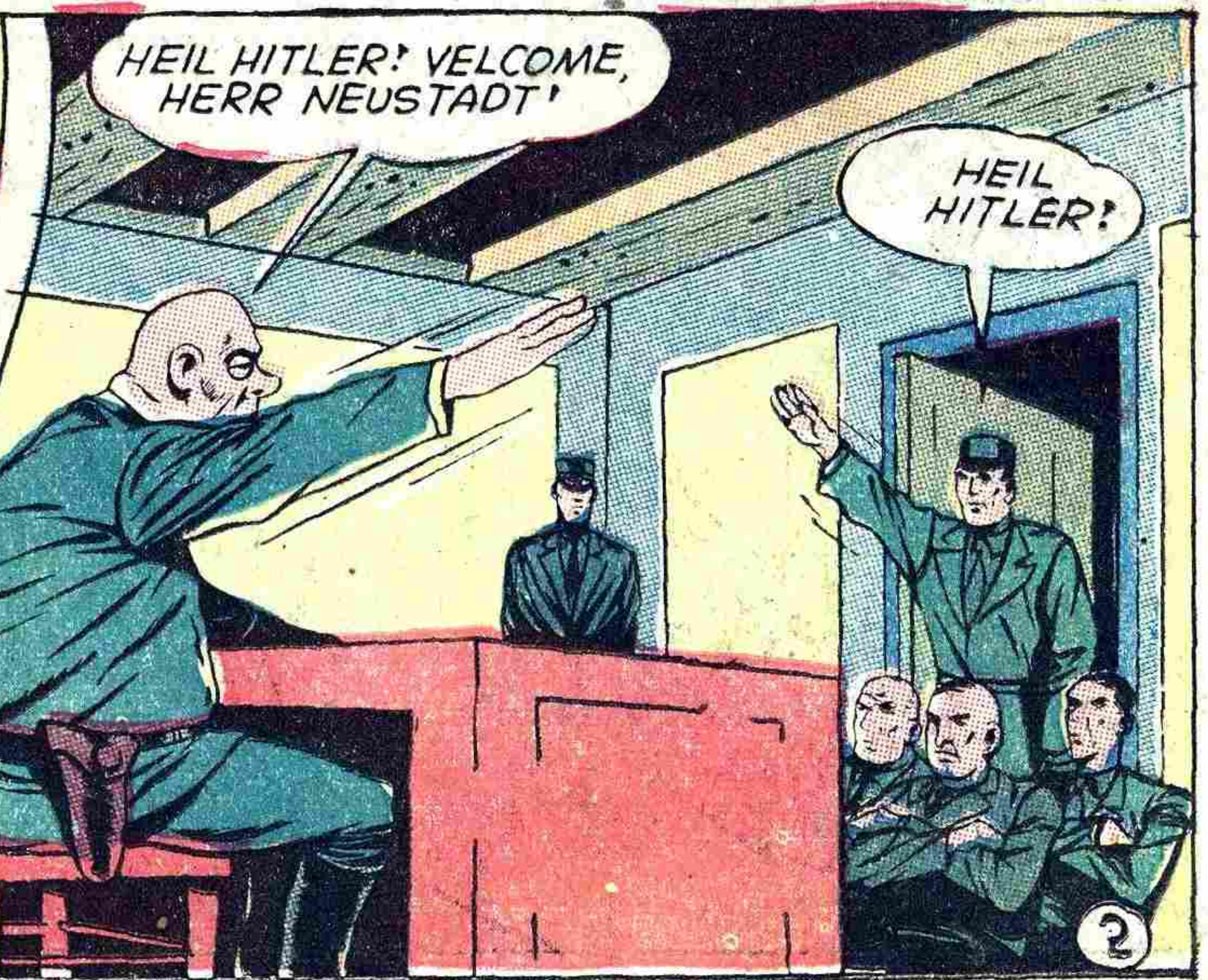
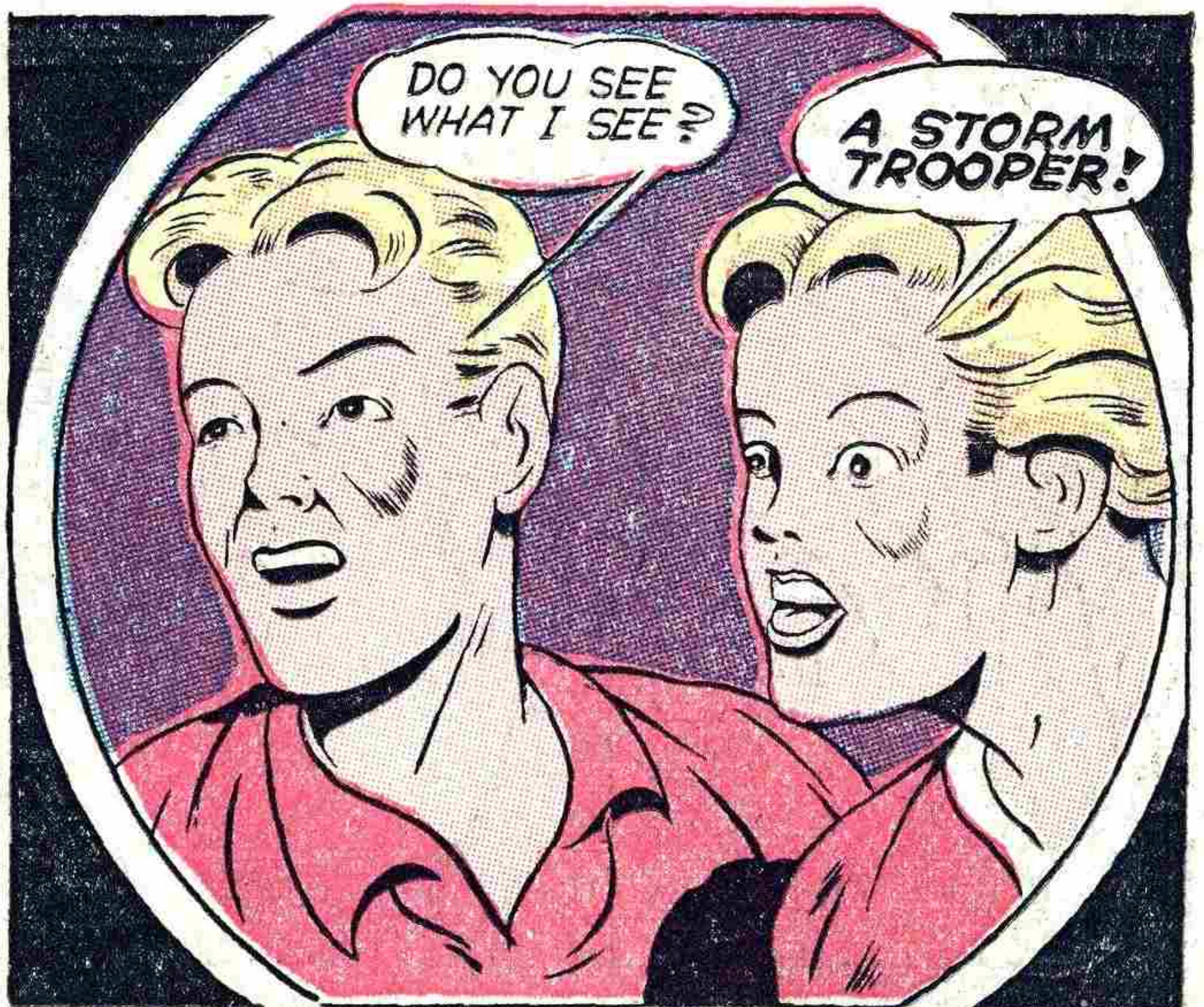
GOSH, THAT WAS A WONDERFUL MOVIE

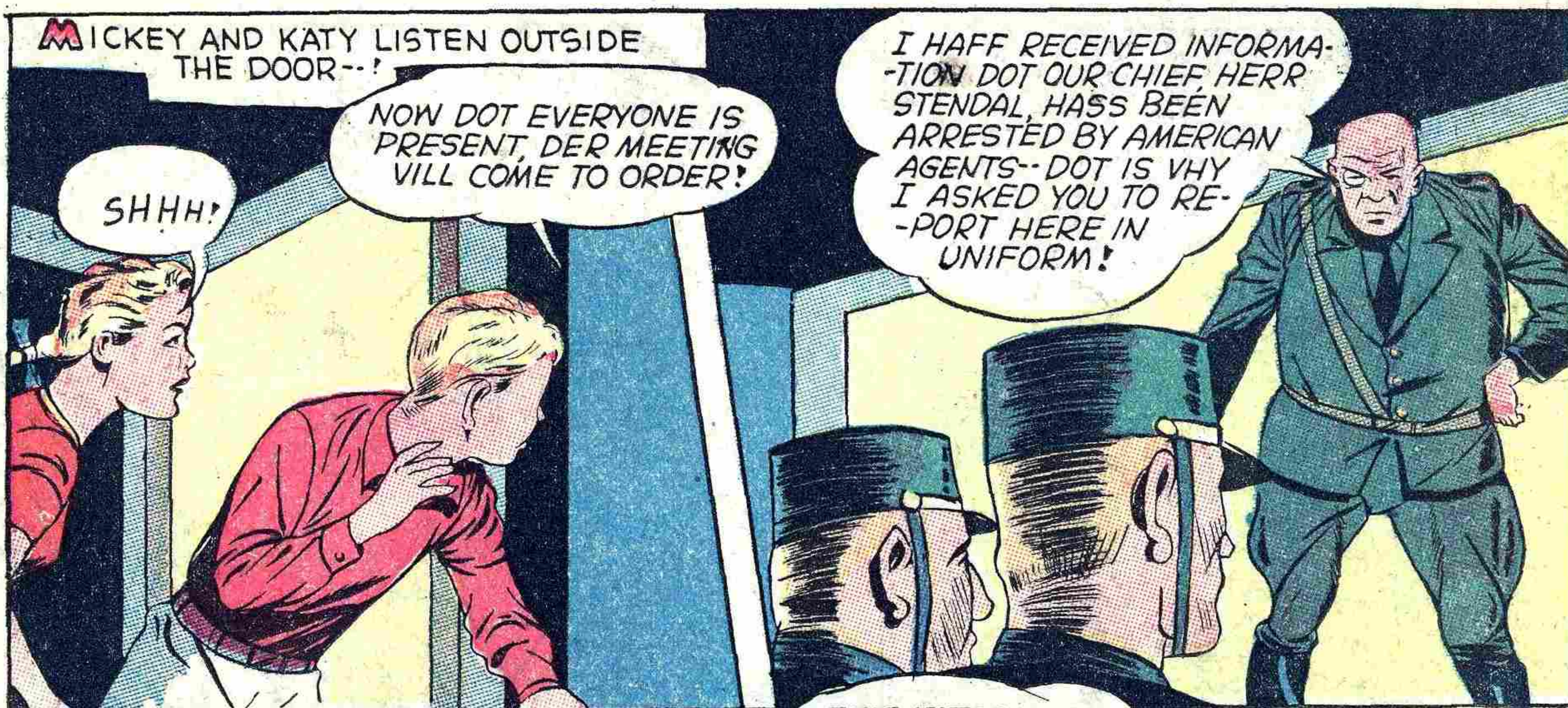
BAH, THAT LOVE STUFF MAKES ME SICK-- I LIKE MOVIES WITH ACTION AND SHOOTIN'!



CLARK TAYLOR IS JUST GRAND--!

WELL, I'LL BE-- KATY--LOOK!













FRANK FAIRPLAY'S TOUCHDOWN

By [illegible]

FRANK FAIRPLAY, the star of the football team, scored a touchdown in the first quarter of the game against the visiting team. The touchdown was the result of a long pass from the quarterback, which Fairplay caught and ran for the end zone. The touchdown gave the home team a 7-0 lead. Fairplay's performance was outstanding, and he was named the Most Valuable Player of the game. The game ended with a final score of 14-0 in favor of the home team.

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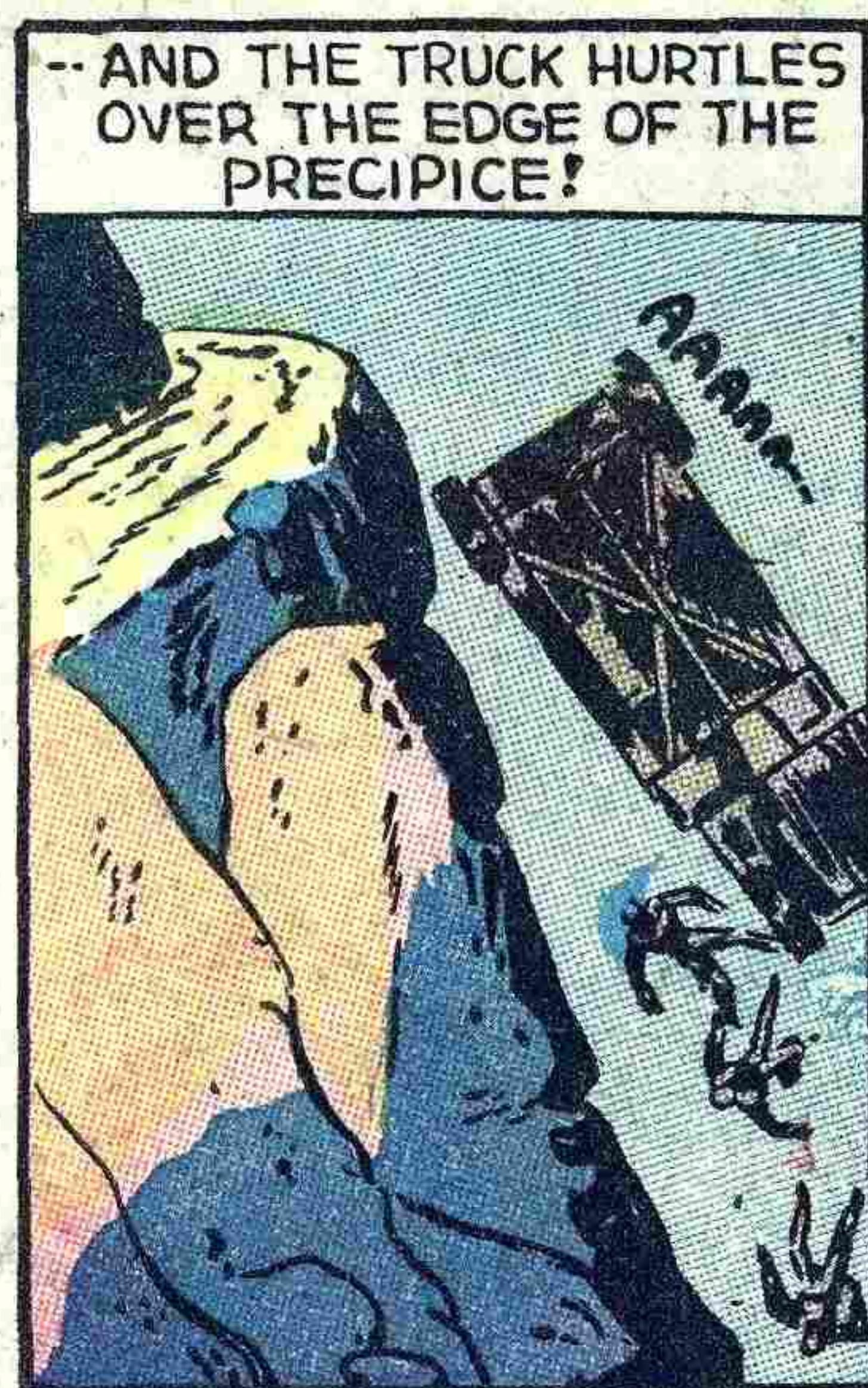








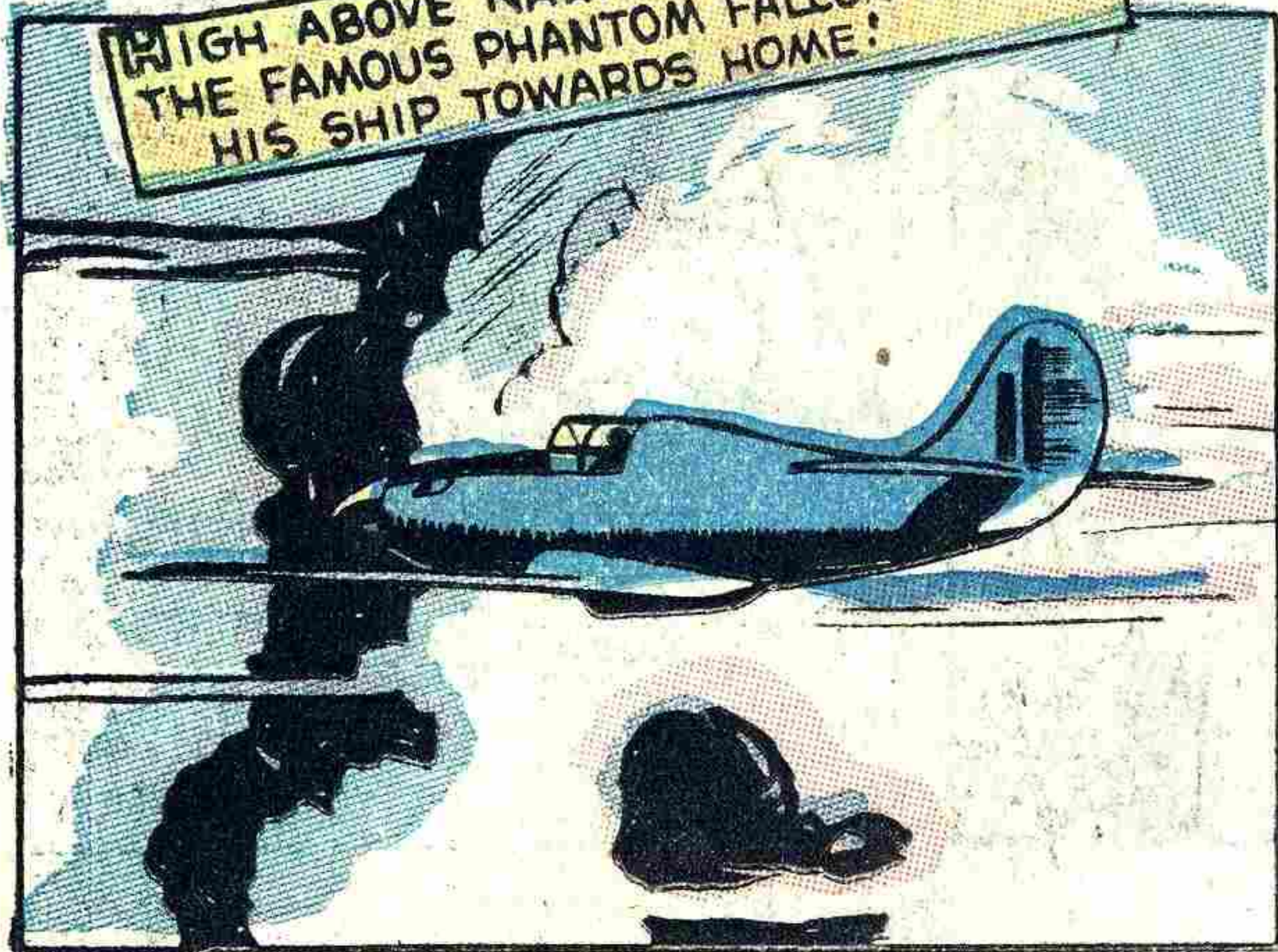




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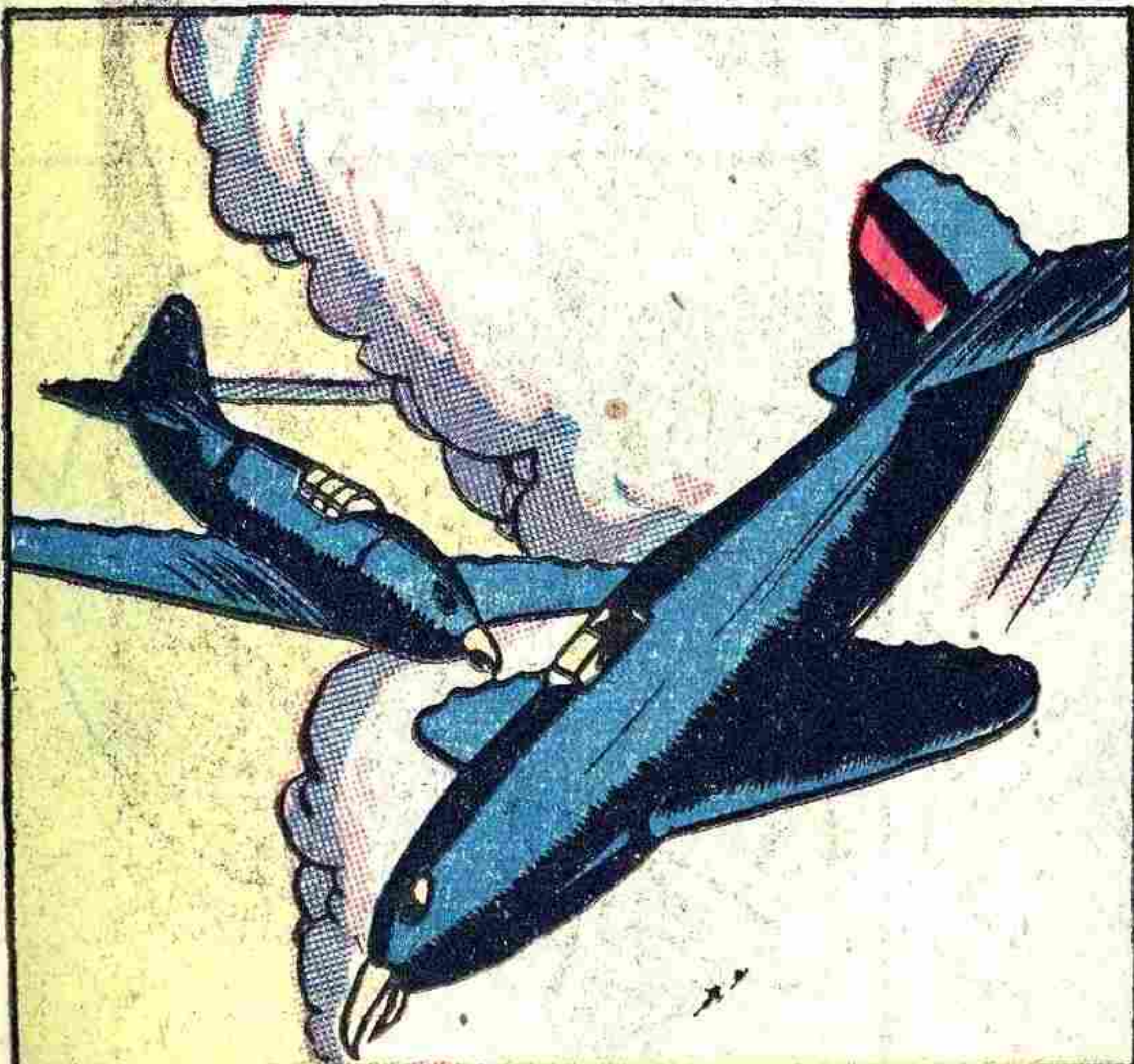


HIGH ABOVE NAZI OCCUPIED FRANCE,
THE FAMOUS PHANTOM FALCON BANKS
HIS SHIP TOWARDS HOME!



BOY, THIS NEW FALCON
PLANE IS MUCH BETTER
THAN THE OTHER ONE
THAT CRASHED!





As the PHANTOM FALCON DIVES, HIS SHIP OUT OF THE CLOUDS, HE SEES A STRANGE SIGHT!



WHAT TH'--IT--IT'S ANOTHER PLANE JUST LIKE THIS ONE!



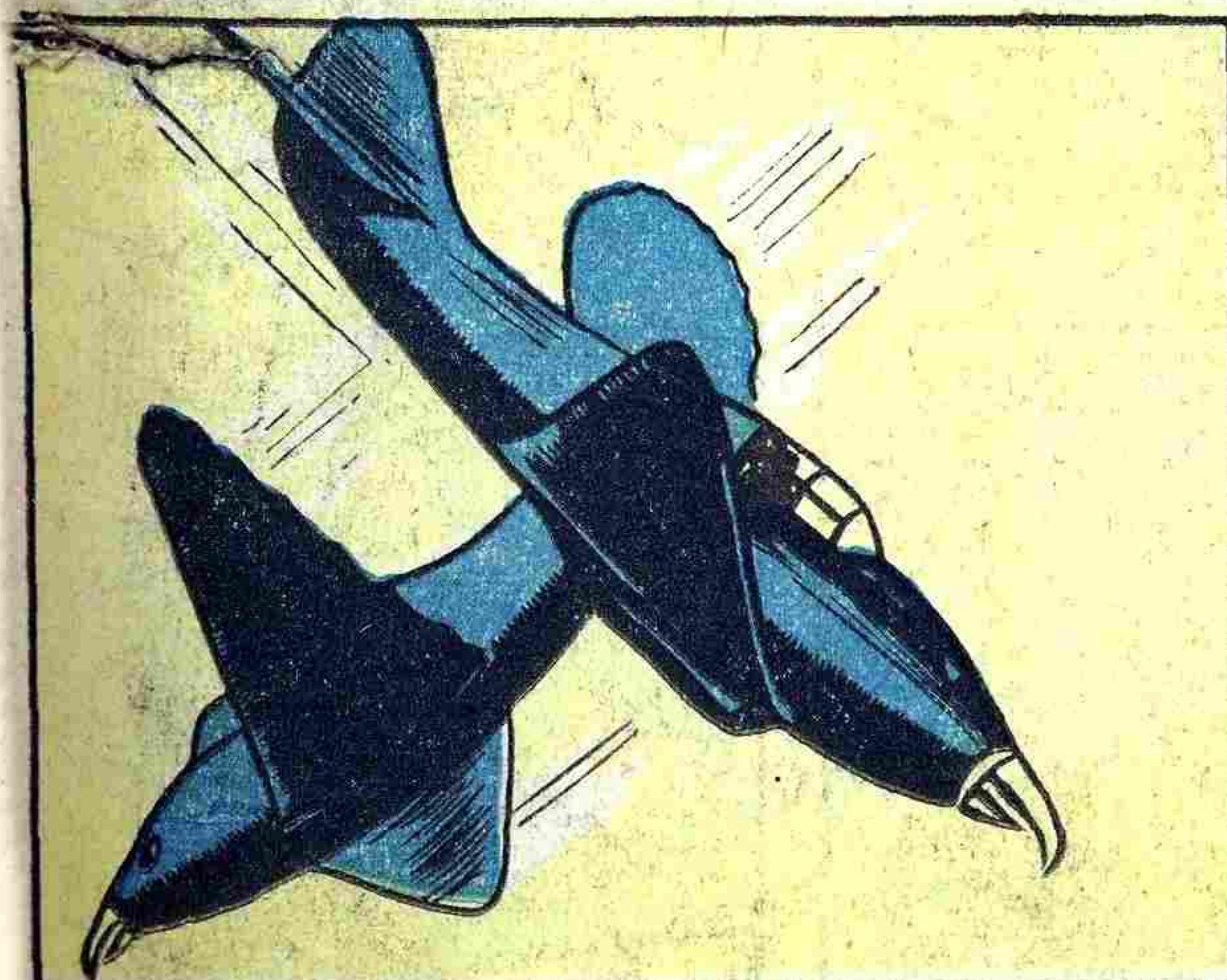
SOMETHING IS ROTTEN IN DENMARK--I BETTER SEE WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!



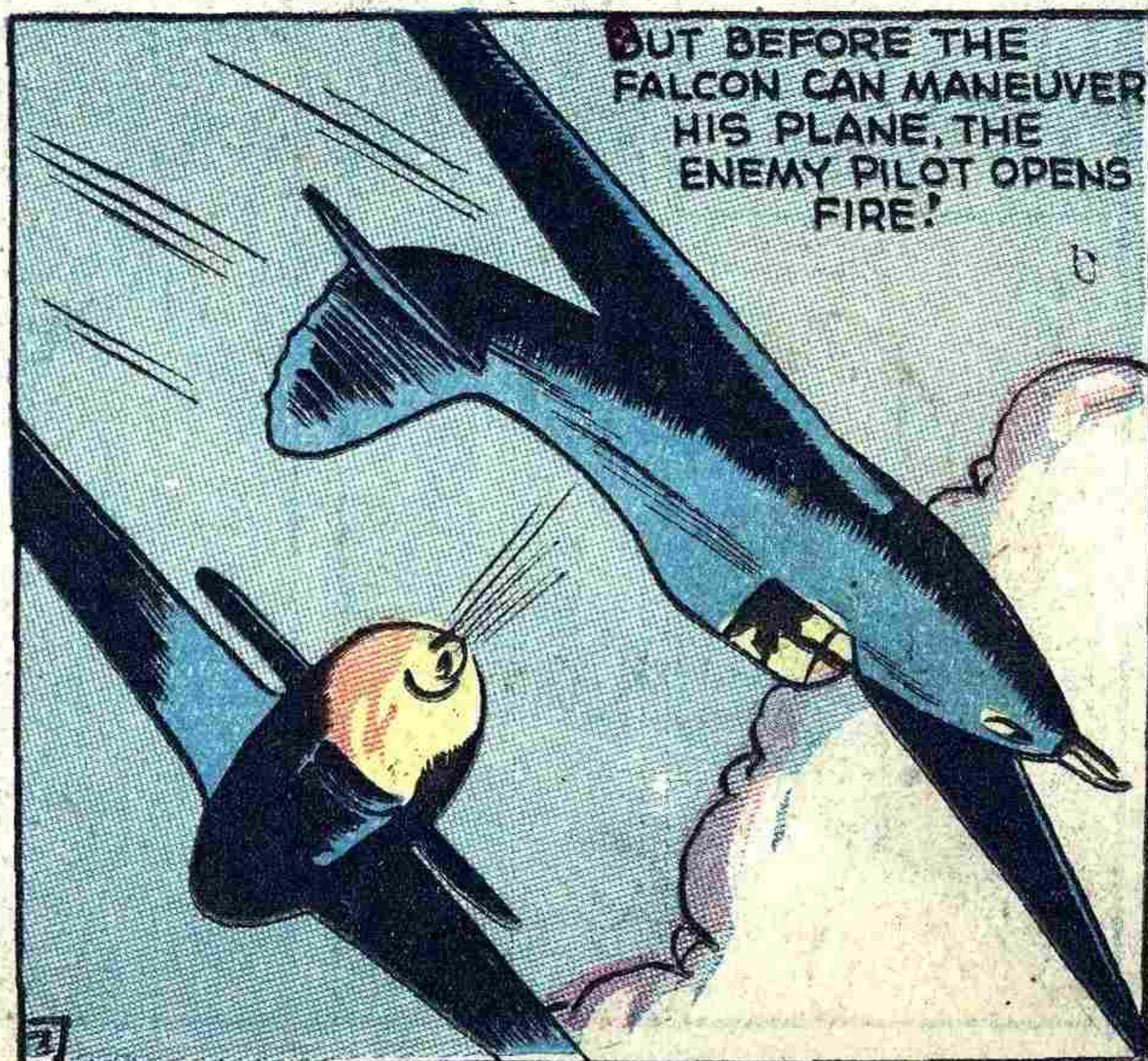
HA!--THERE IT IS--AND JUST AS I FIGURED--IT'S MY OLD SHIP--THE NAZIS PROBABLY REBUILT IT!



EITHER THAT FOOL IS BLIND OR HE'S UP TO SOME TRICK--WELL, HERE WE GO INTO ACTION!



WITH HIS THROTTLE WIDE OPEN, THE FALCON DIVES DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE OTHER SHIP!



BUT BEFORE THE FALCON CAN MANEUVER HIS PLANE, THE ENEMY PILOT OPENS FIRE!

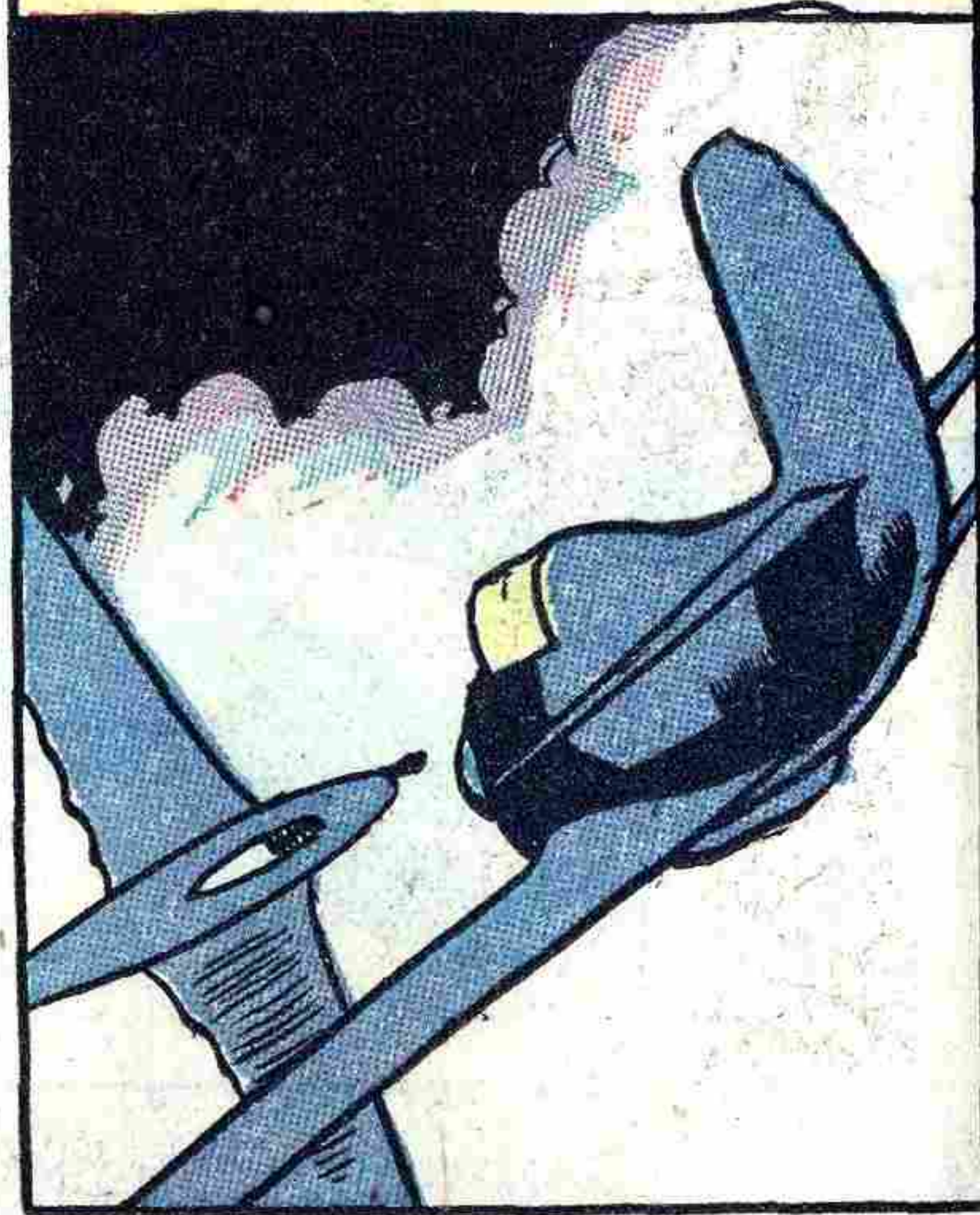
WOW! IT LOOKS LIKE I
MET MY EQUAL--THAT
GUY MEANS BUSINESS!



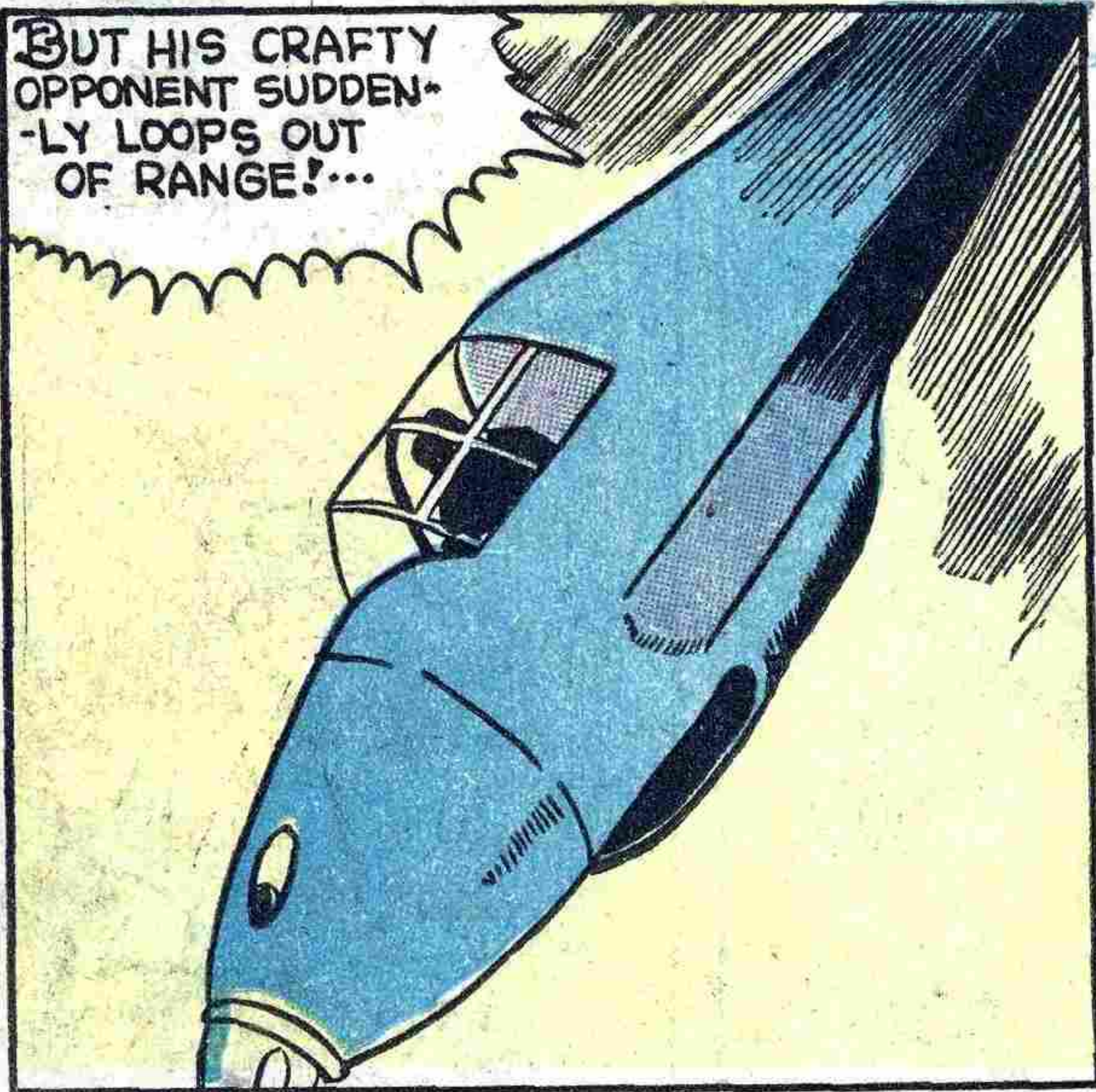
WELL O.K., MR.
IMPOSTER--THIS
IS A FIGHT TO
THE FINISH!



BANKING SHARPLY, THE
FALCON SWINGS DOWN
FOR THE KILL!



BUT HIS CRAFTY
OPPONENT SUDDEN-
LY LOOPS OUT
OF RANGE!...



...AND WITH GUNS
BLAZING, ZOOMS
DOWN ON THE
FALCON!



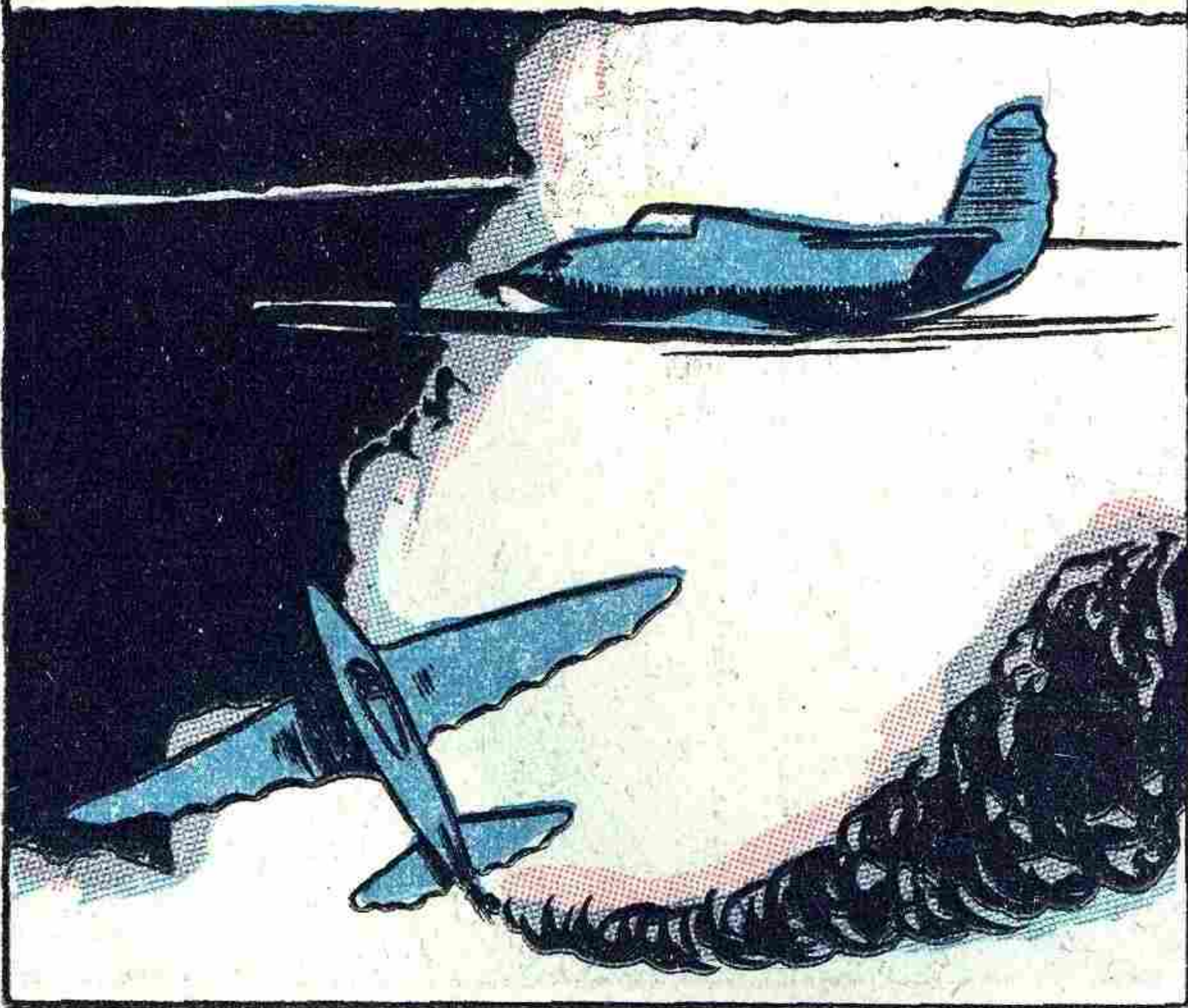
WITH FLAMES
SPURTING FROM
HIS ENGINE, THE
SKY KING DROPS
INTO A SPIN!



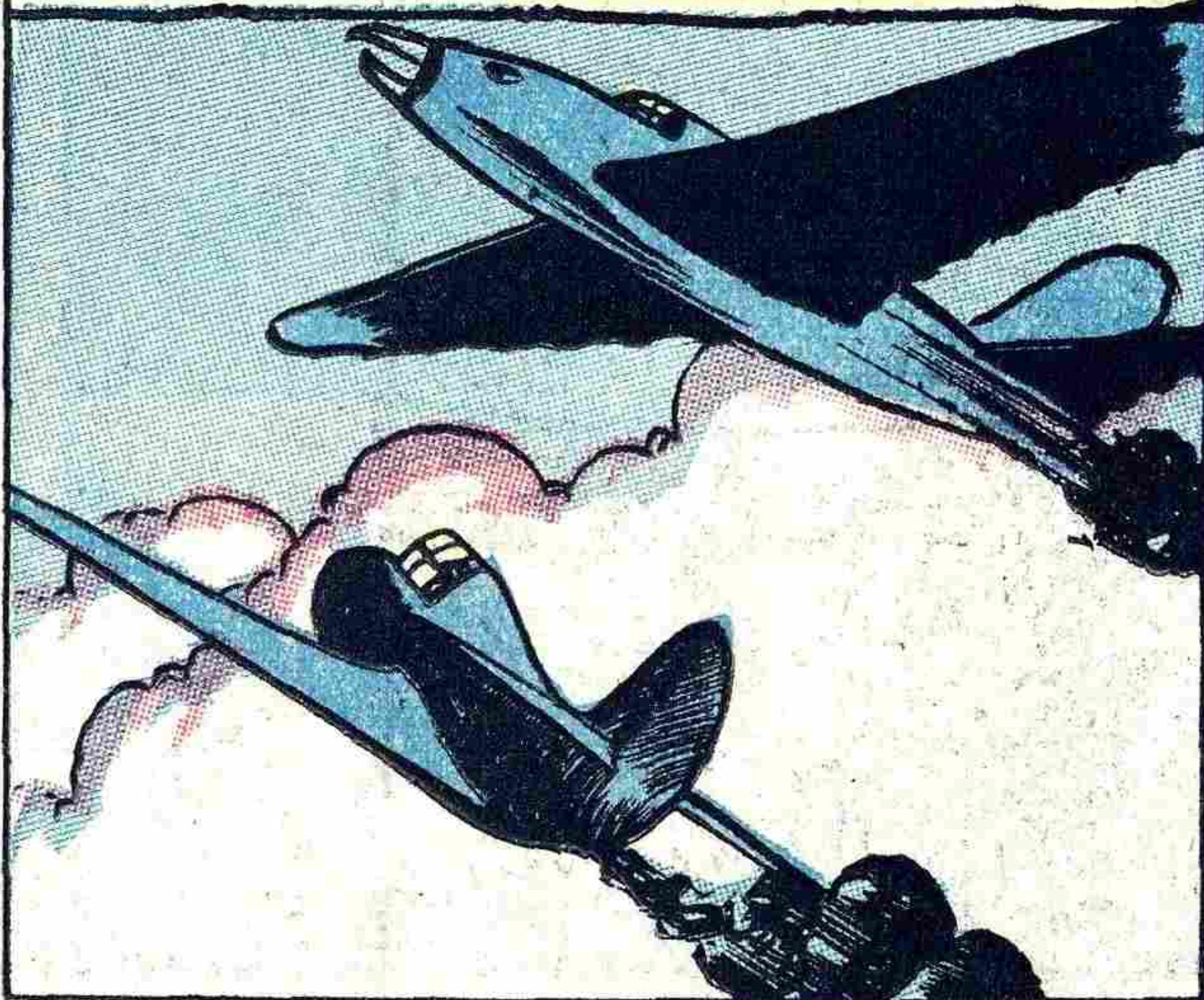
WOW! THAT GUY IS A
WIZARD!--COME ON,
I'VE GOT TO PULL OUT
OF THIS!



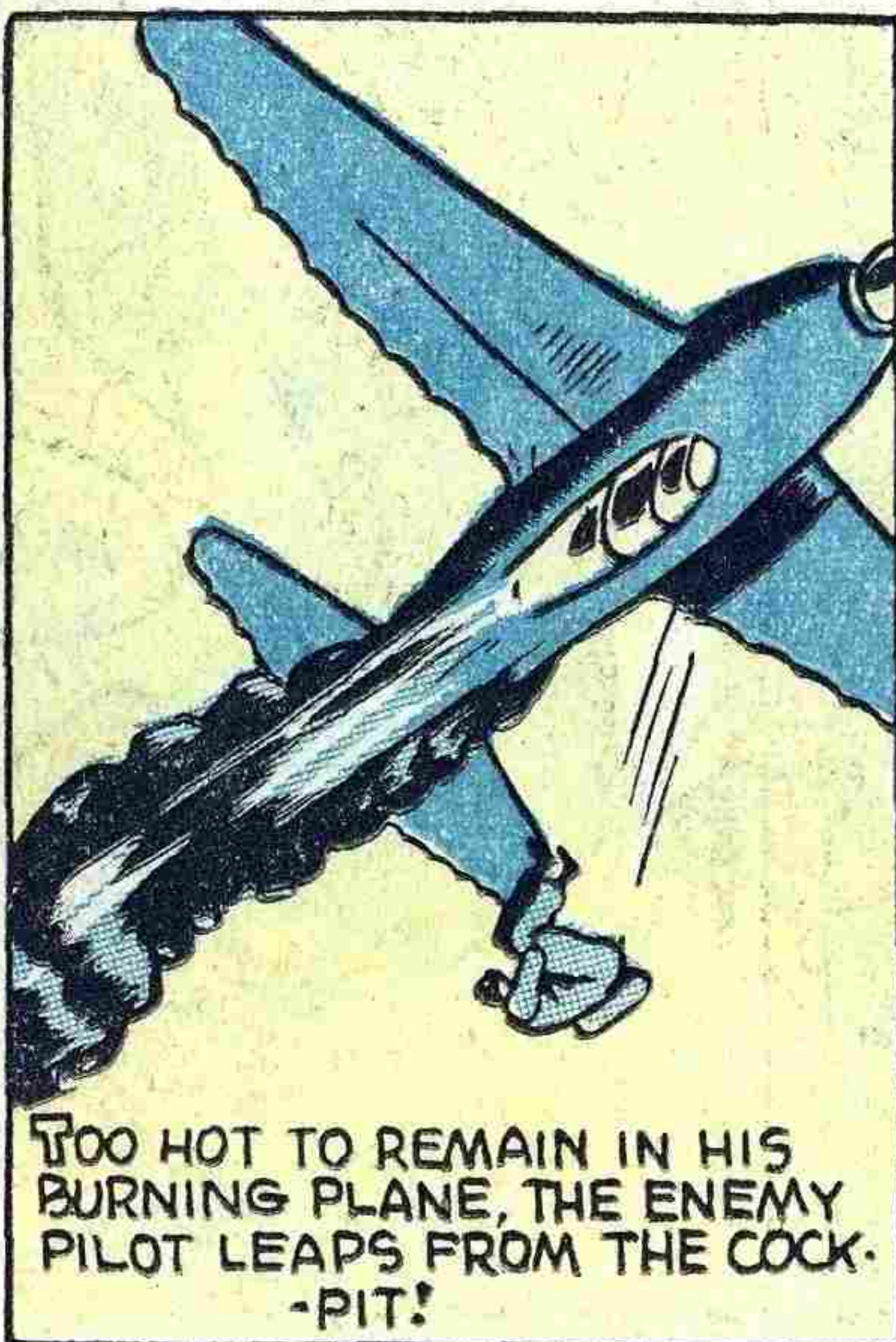
GAINING CONTROL OF HIS PLANE, THE FALCON ZOOMS BACK TO MEET THE FOE!



CATCHING THE ENEMY SHIP OFF GUARD, THE FALCON OPENS FIRE WITH DEADLY ACCURACY!

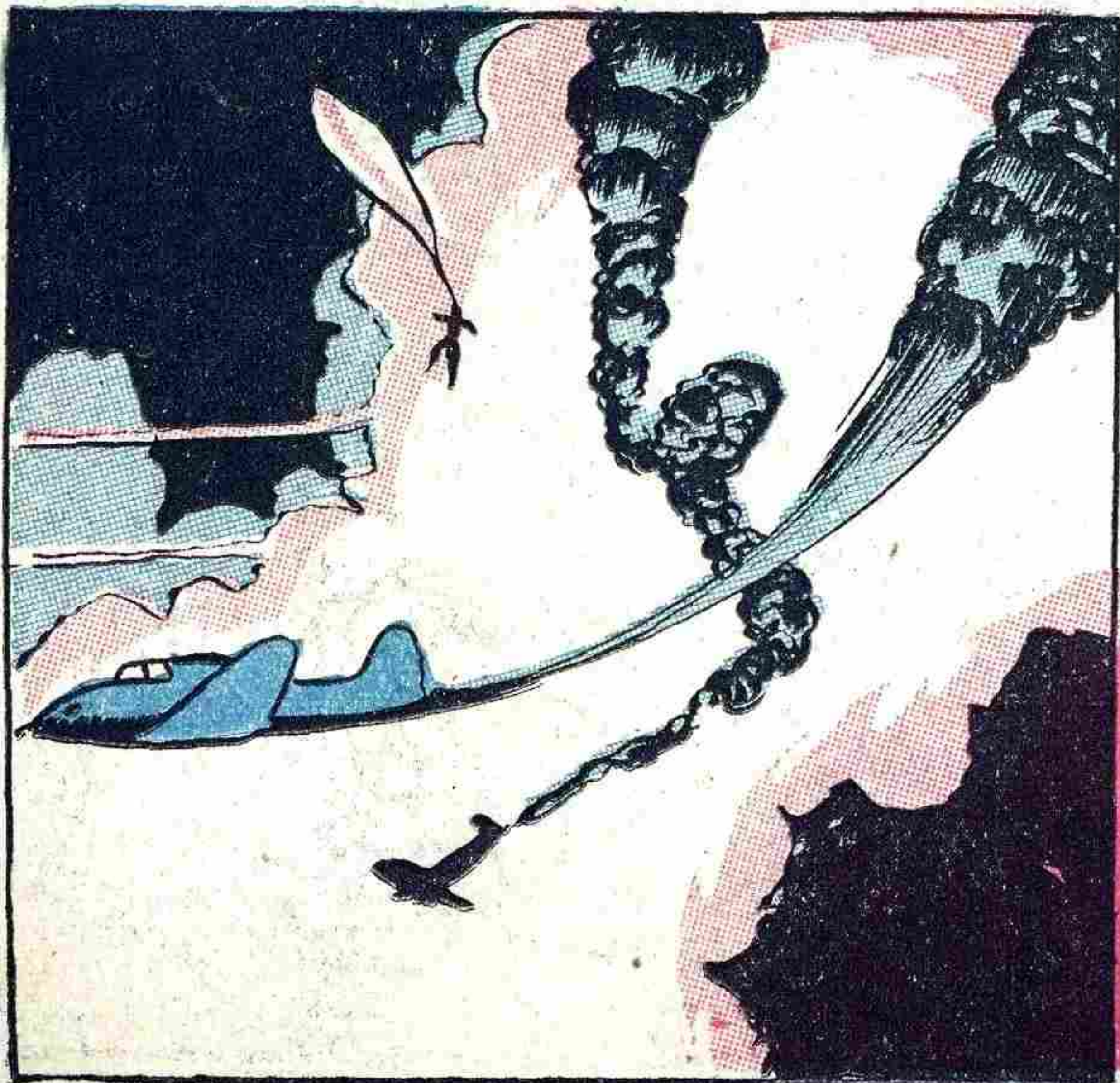


AND LIKE WOUNDED BIRDS, THE TWO CRIPPLED PLANES FLUTTER EARTH-
WARD!



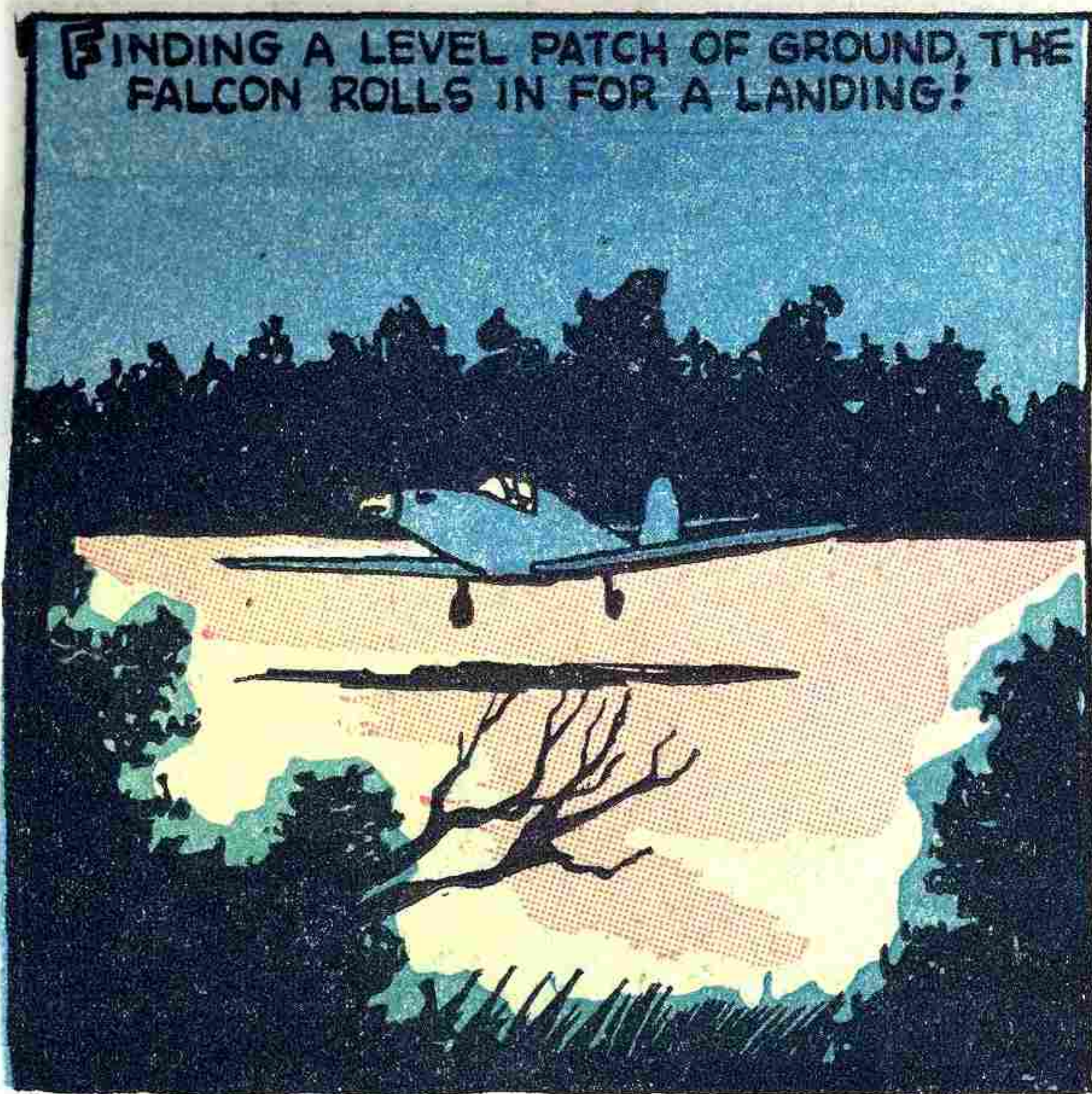
TOO HOT TO REMAIN IN HIS BURNING PLANE, THE ENEMY PILOT LEAPS FROM THE COCK-
-PIT!

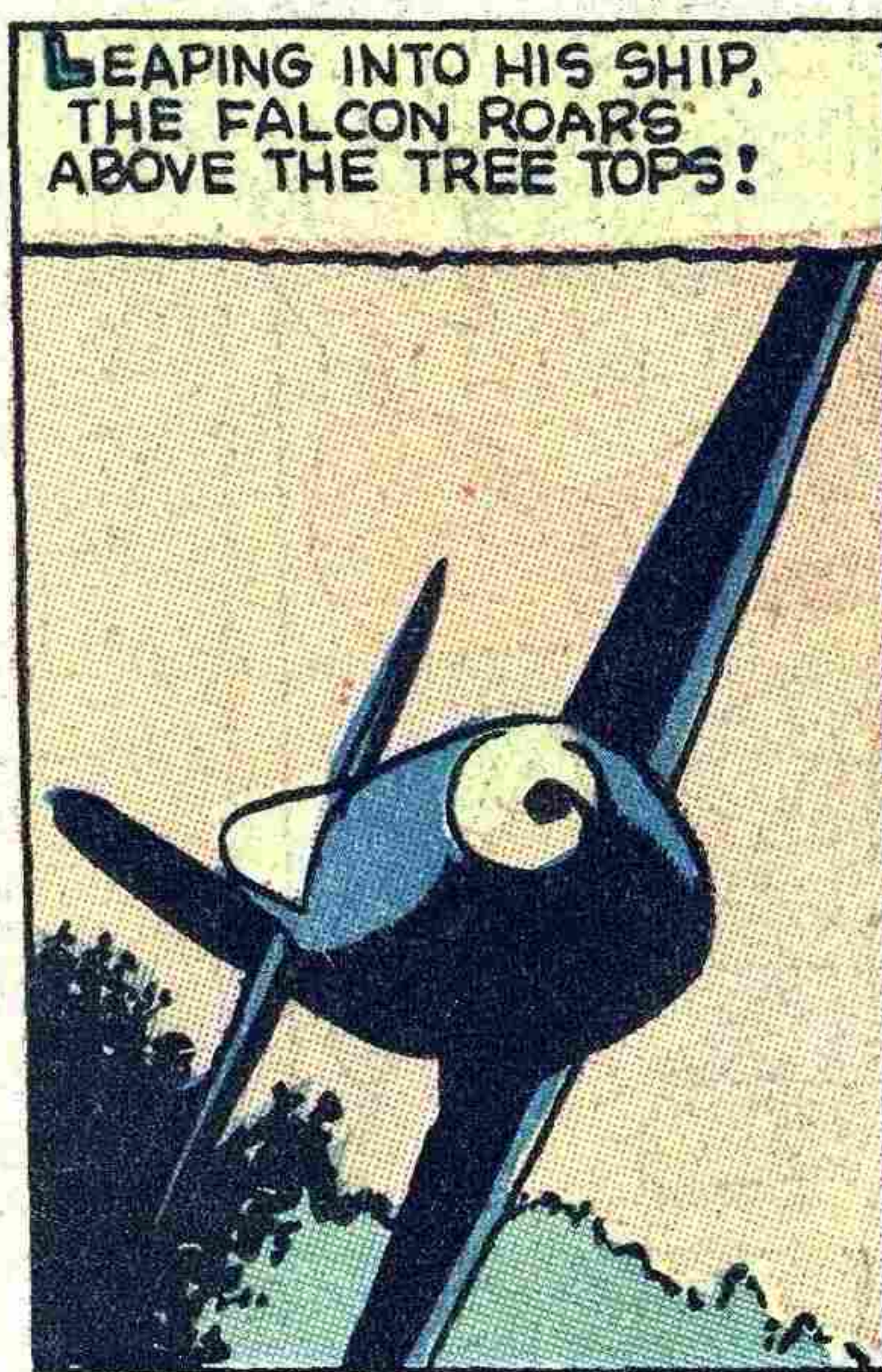
HA! WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE THINGS WERE GETTING TOO WARM FOR MY FRIEND!



I THINK I'LL LAND THIS BUGGY AND TAKE A LOOK AT MY IMPOSTER WHEN HE REACHES THE EARTH!



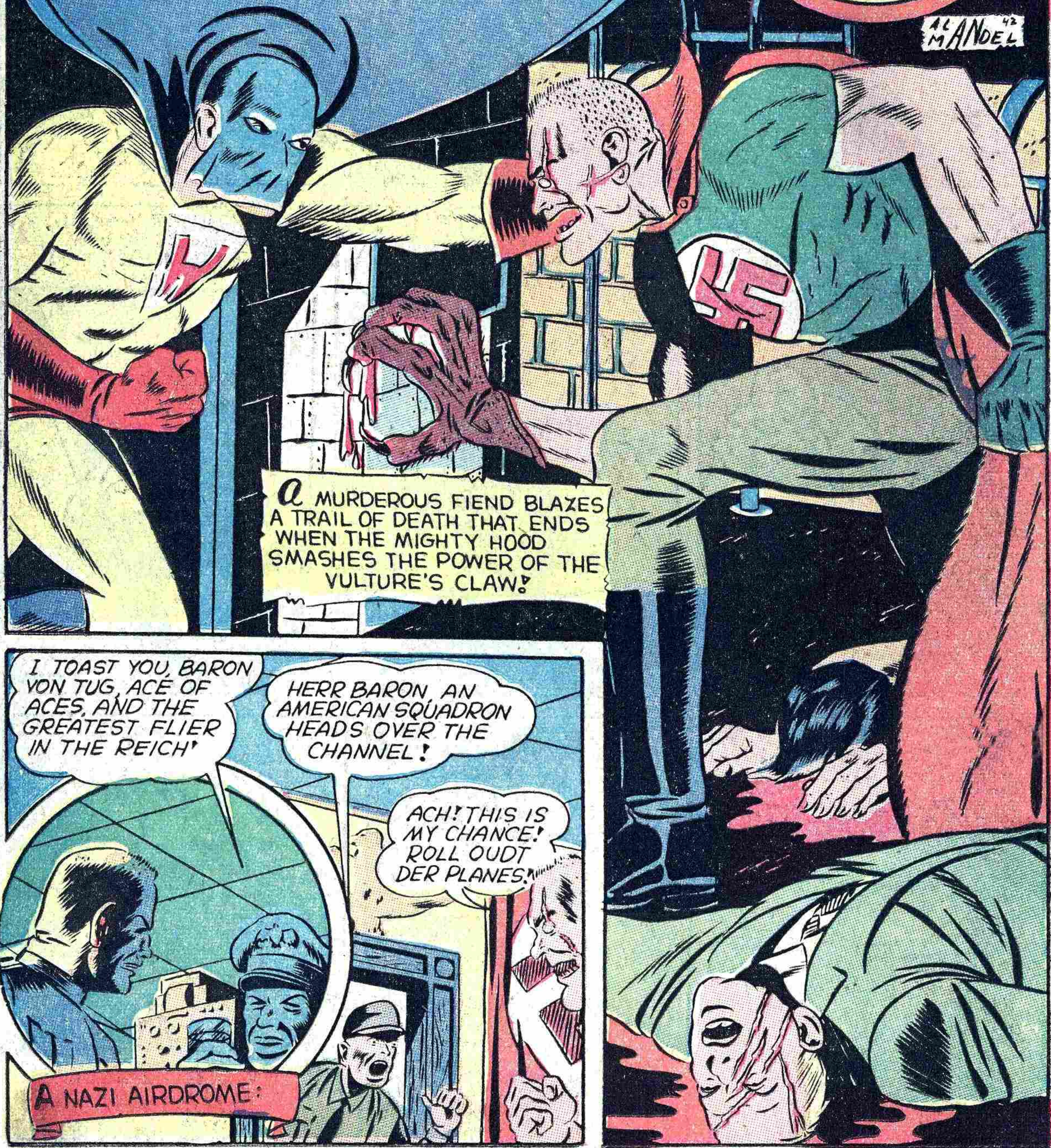




The HOOD

and The Vulture's Claw!

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A MURDEROUS FIEND BLAZES A TRAIL OF DEATH THAT ENDS WHEN THE MIGHTY HOOD SMASHES THE POWER OF THE VULTURE'S CLAW!

I TOAST YOU, BARON VON TUG, ACE OF ACES, AND THE GREATEST FLIER IN THE REICH!

HERR BARON, AN AMERICAN SQUADRON HEADS OVER THE CHANNEL!

ACH! THIS IS MY CHANCE! ROLL OUT DER PLANES!

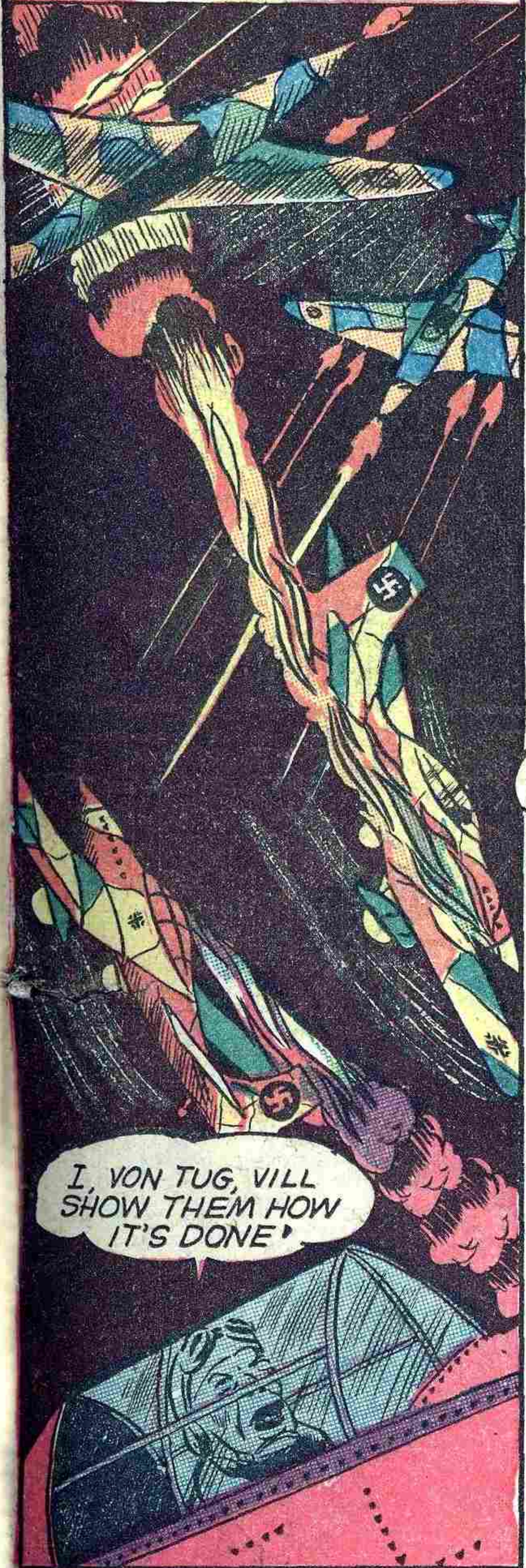
A NAZI AIRDROME:



I'LL SEND THOSE AMERICAN PLAYBOYS TO THEIR GRAVES! THEY DARE TRIFLE WITH ME!

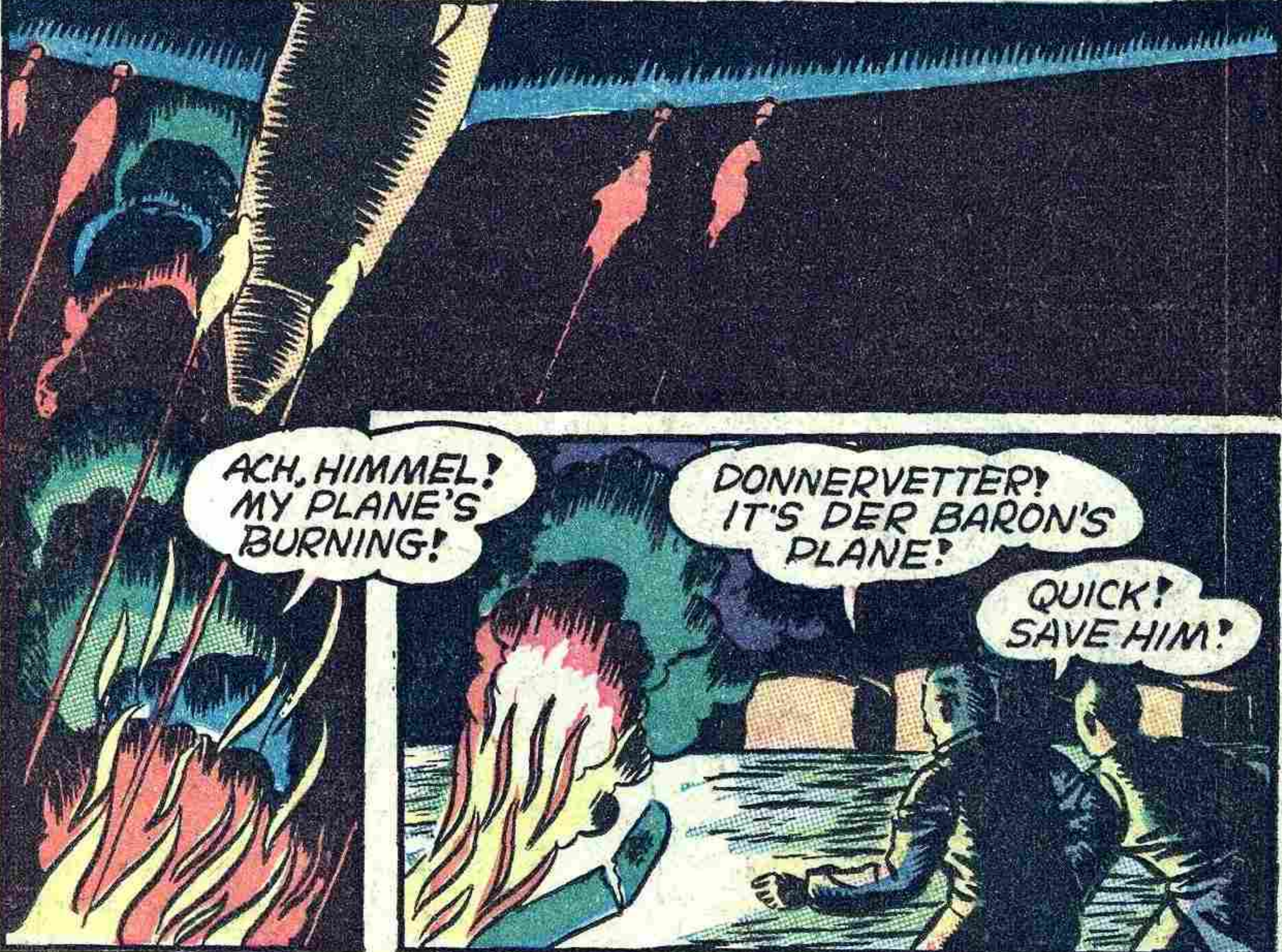
MEN OF THE REICH-- ON-WARD TO VICTORY!

LOCKED IN DEADLY DOG FIGHT, THE EGOTISTICAL BARON HURLS A CHALLENGE--



I, VON TUG, VILL SHOW THEM HOW IT'S DONE!

-- THAT SELTS INTO THE WINDS AS TWO YANKEE MACHINE GUNNERS CUT LOOSE AND FIND THEIR MARK!



ACH, HIMMEL! MY PLANE'S BURNING!

DONNERVETTER! IT'S DER BARON'S PLANE!

QUICK! SAVE HIM!



MY HAND, MY HAND!

IT'S CRUSHED! WE MUST GET HIM TO A HOSPITAL!

WE VILL HAFF TO AMPUTATE! NOW HE VILL BE A HELPLESS CRIPPLE!

NOT QUITE SO! I VILL REPLACE IT WILL AN-OTHER DOT VILL BE MUCH GREATER!



MY HAND-- IT'S--IT'S--

A VULTURE'S CLAW! WITH TALONS LIKE STEEL--TO STRIKE REVENGE AT OUR ENEMIES!



REVENGE, HERR DOCTOR--YES, I SHALL HAVE REVENGE--NOT HERE IN DER REICH, BUT IN AMERICA!

WEEKS LATER IN AMERICA,
AT AN ARMY PERSONNEL OFFICE

MR TORJENSEN, YOUR RECORDS
HAVE BEEN OKAYED. THE JOB
AS A MAINTENANCE MAN AT
CAMP SHELBY IS YOURS!

TANK YOU! NOW
I GET EVEN WITH
THOSE GERMAN
DEVILS WHO DESTROY
MY NORWAY!

YOU BANE TELL ME WHERE
SHELBY STATION IS -- I'M
GOING TO WORK IN AIR
SCHOOL THERE!

SURE, WE'RE
PULLING INTO
IT NOW!

DOT SWEDE VILL BE OF GOOD
USE TO ME -- HERE'S WHERE
I WORK IN THE SHELBY
AIR SCHOOL!

THE BARON FOLLOWS THE OLD MAN TO A
DARK CORNER OF THE AIRPORT AND-

THE VULTURE'S
CLAW STRIKES
IN AMERICA!

YUMPIN'
YIMIN-
AAGH-

USING THE
PAPERS OF
THE DEAD
SWEDE,
THE NAZI
KILLER
GAINS
ENTRANCE
INTO THE
FLYING
SCHOOL!

OKAY, MR. TORJENSEN,
YOUR PAPERS ARE IN
ORDER -- STEP INTO THAT
BUILDING. THE OFFICER
OF THE DAY WILL TAKE
CARE OF YOU!

CONGRATULATIONS, MEN,
I HEARD YOU GOT
YOUR WINGS TO-DAY!

THANK YOU,
SIR -- AND
HERE'S HOPING
WE'RE IN
ENGLAND SOON!

BUT SOONER
THEN THAT
THE VULTURE'S
CLAW WILL
TAKE CARE
OF THEM!



I'M THE NEW MAINTENANCE MAN -- HERE ARE MY PAPERS!

UH, OH HELLO -- I SAY, DO YOU ALWAYS WEAR GLOVES?



YES, I BURNED MY HANDS ON SOME STEAM PIPES -- AND SINCE THEN, I ALWAYS WEAR THEM -- NOW SHOW ME TO MY WORK, PLEASE!



THAT NIGHT, AS THE NEW EAGLES OF THE AMERICAN AIR FORCE AWAIT THEIR ORDERS, A SINISTER SHADOW STALKS CLOSER AND CLOSER --

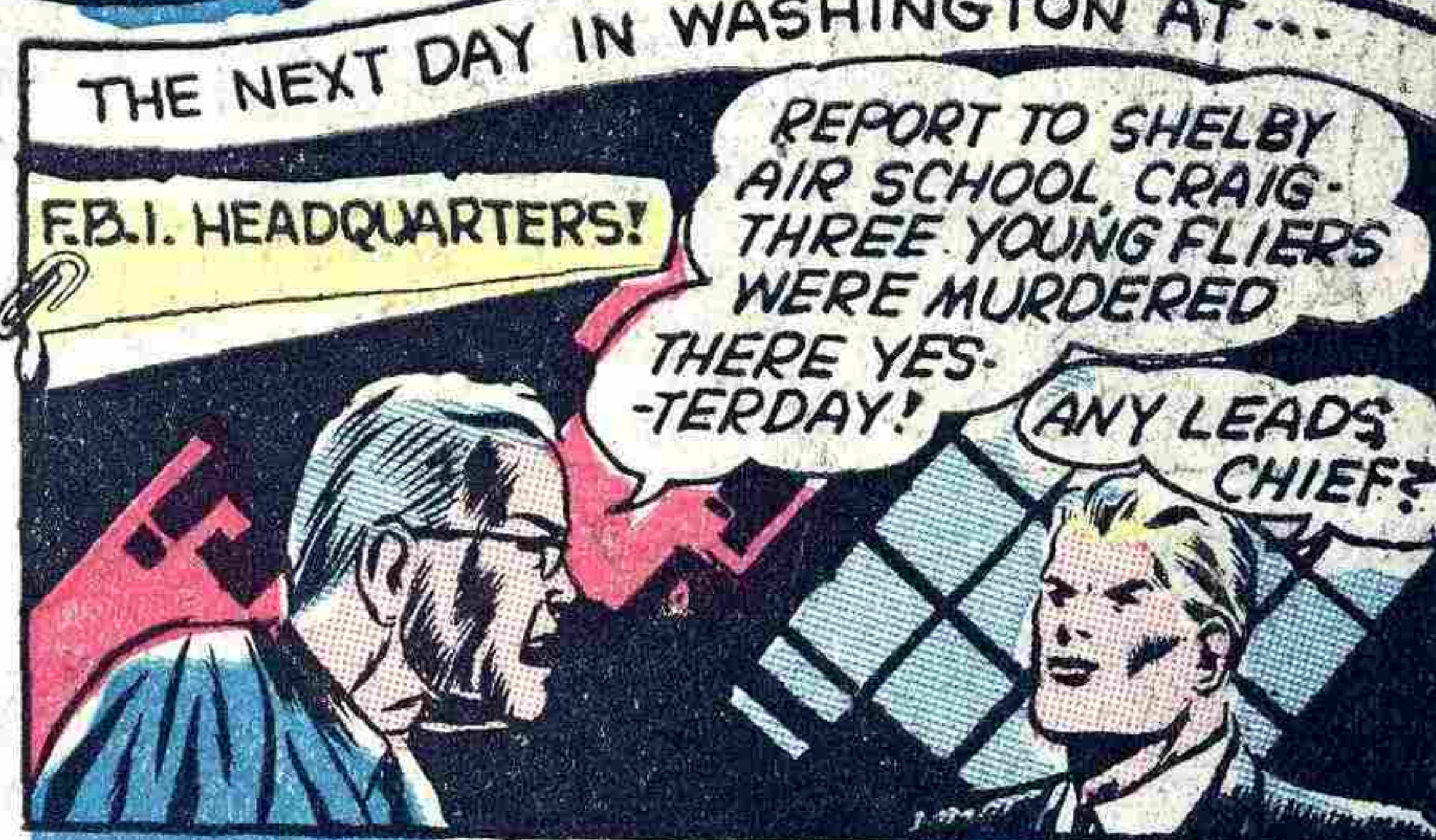
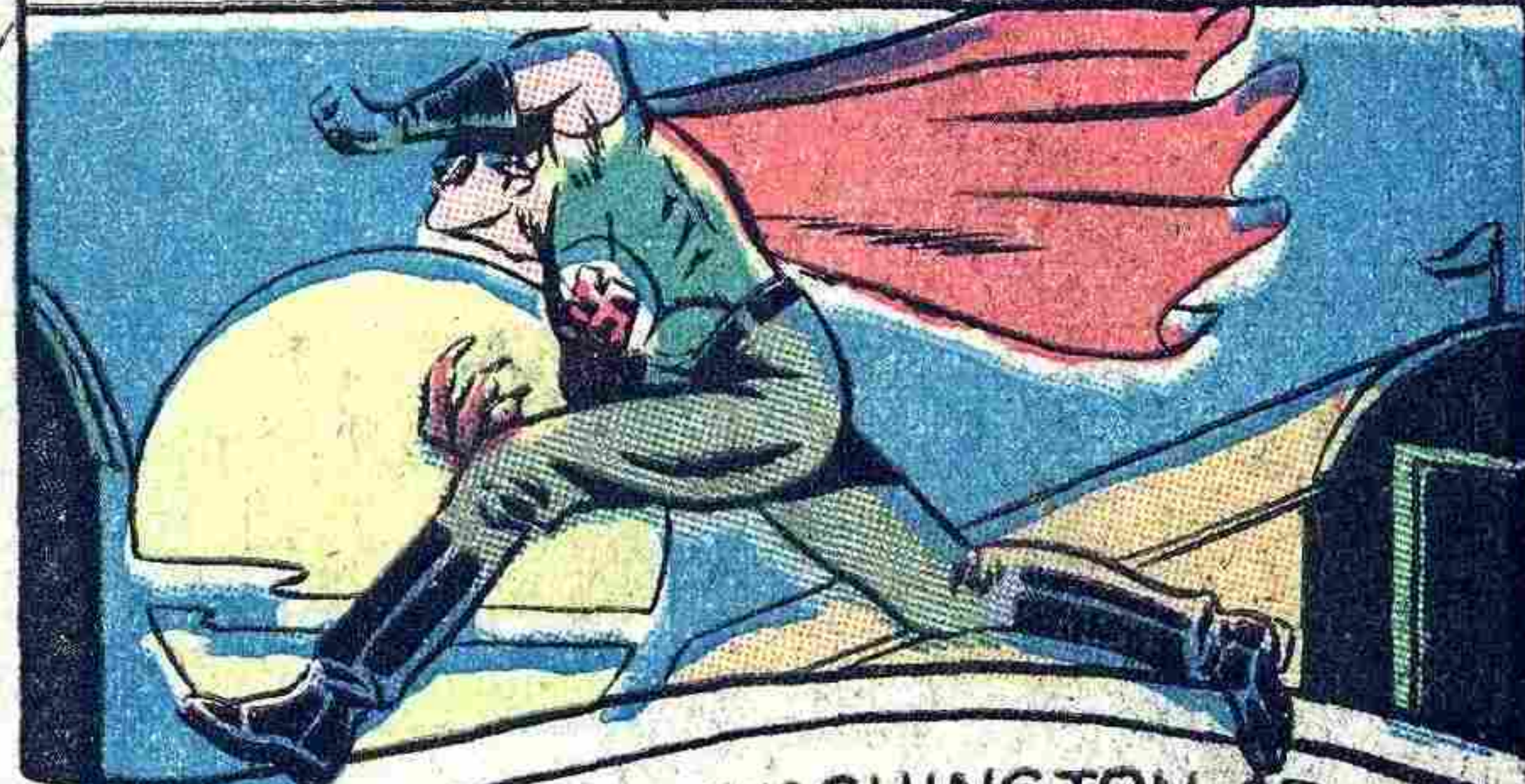
FOR HE'S A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW



--UNTIL!

YAAAAGGH

--and SO INTO THE NIGHT, SPEEDS THE VICIOUS KILLER, LEAVING THREE NEW VICTIMS BEHIND HIM!



THE NEXT DAY IN WASHINGTON AT...

F.B.I. HEADQUARTERS!

REPORT TO SHELBY AIR SCHOOL, CRAIG -- THREE YOUNG FLIERS WERE MURDERED

THERE YES -- TERDAY!

ANY LEADS CHIEF?



ONLY THIS! THEY WERE CLAWED TO DEATH BY WHAT APPEARS TO BE A VULTURE'S CLAW!

BRRR -- KINDA SCARY, BUT I'M OFF TO SHELBY SCHOOL!

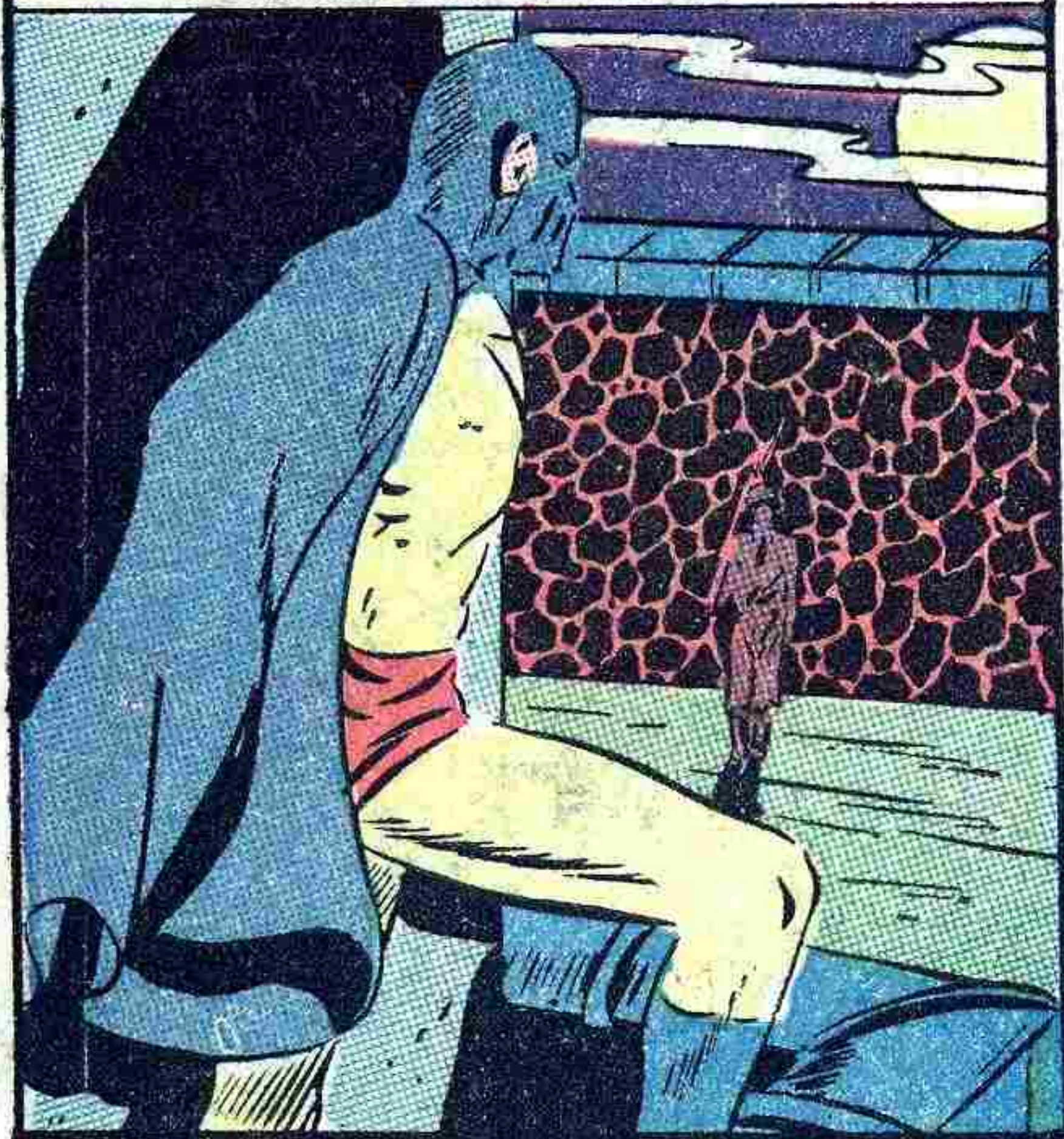
THAT NIGHT, ARMED SENTRIES PATROL THE GROUNDS ABOUT THE SHELBY FLYING SCHOOL!



WE'D BETTER KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THAT BIRD!

YOU BET! HE'LL NEVER GET PAST US!

YET OVER ALL STANDS THE LOFTY FIGURE OF THE HOOD, MIGHTY GUARDIAN OF THE AMERICAN WAY!

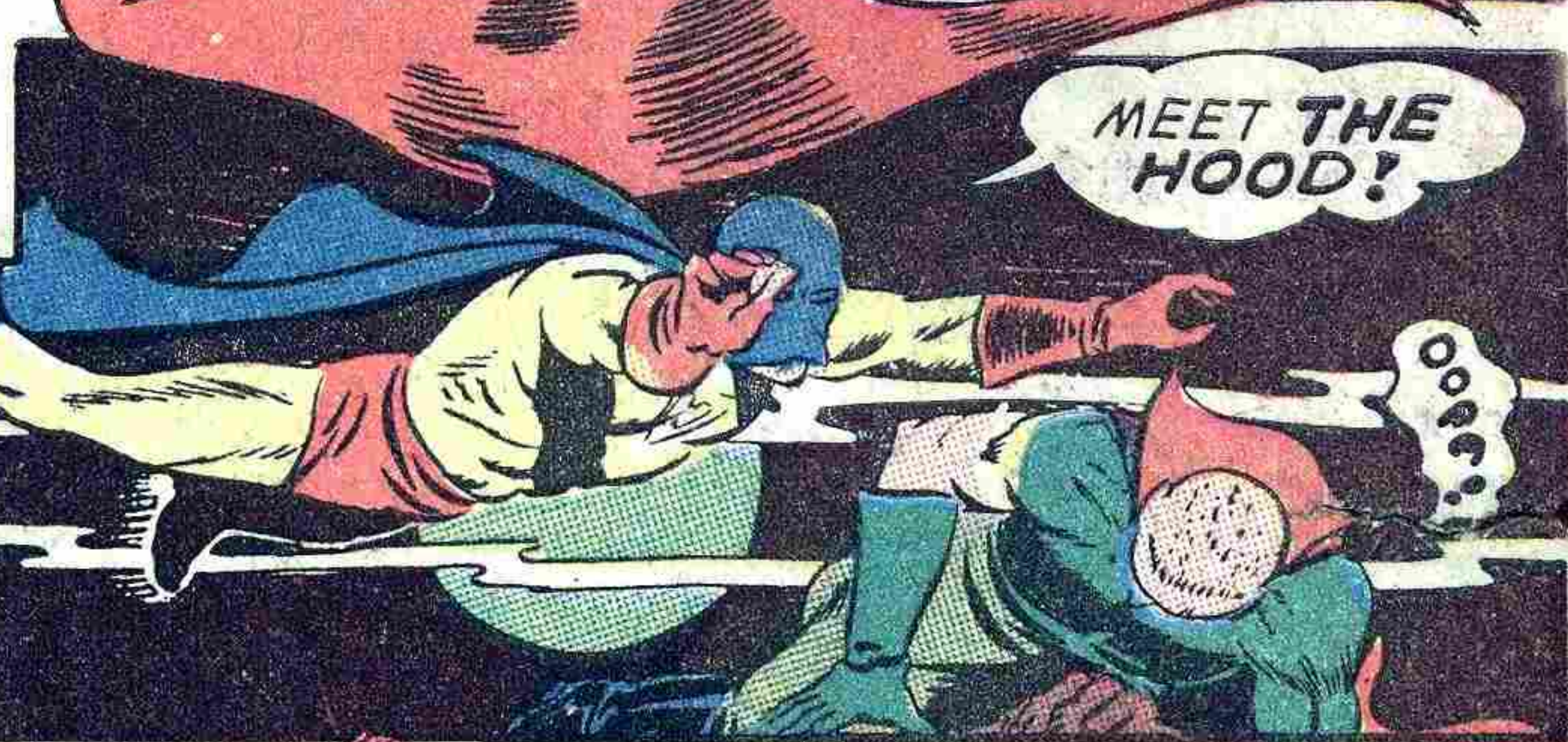
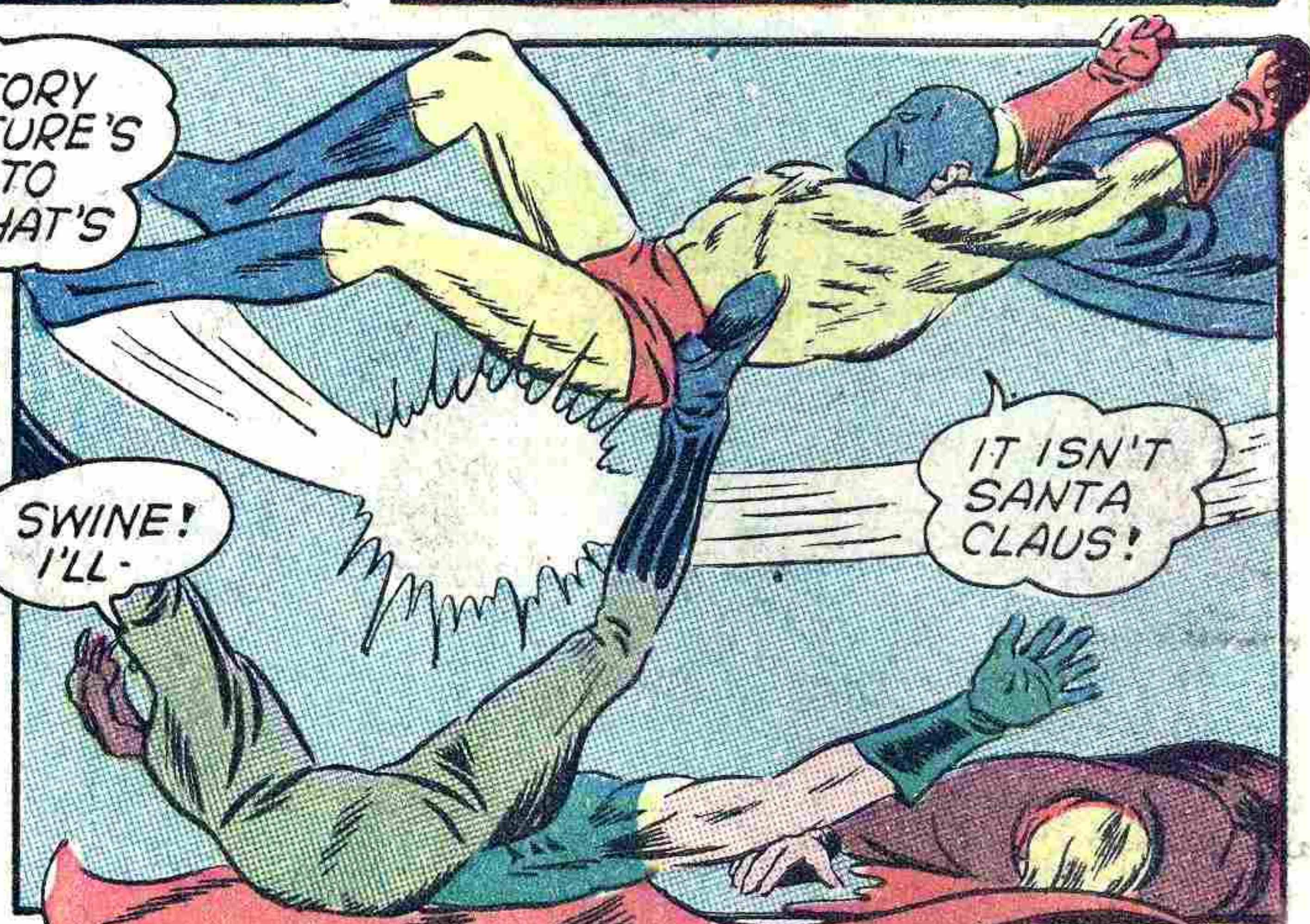
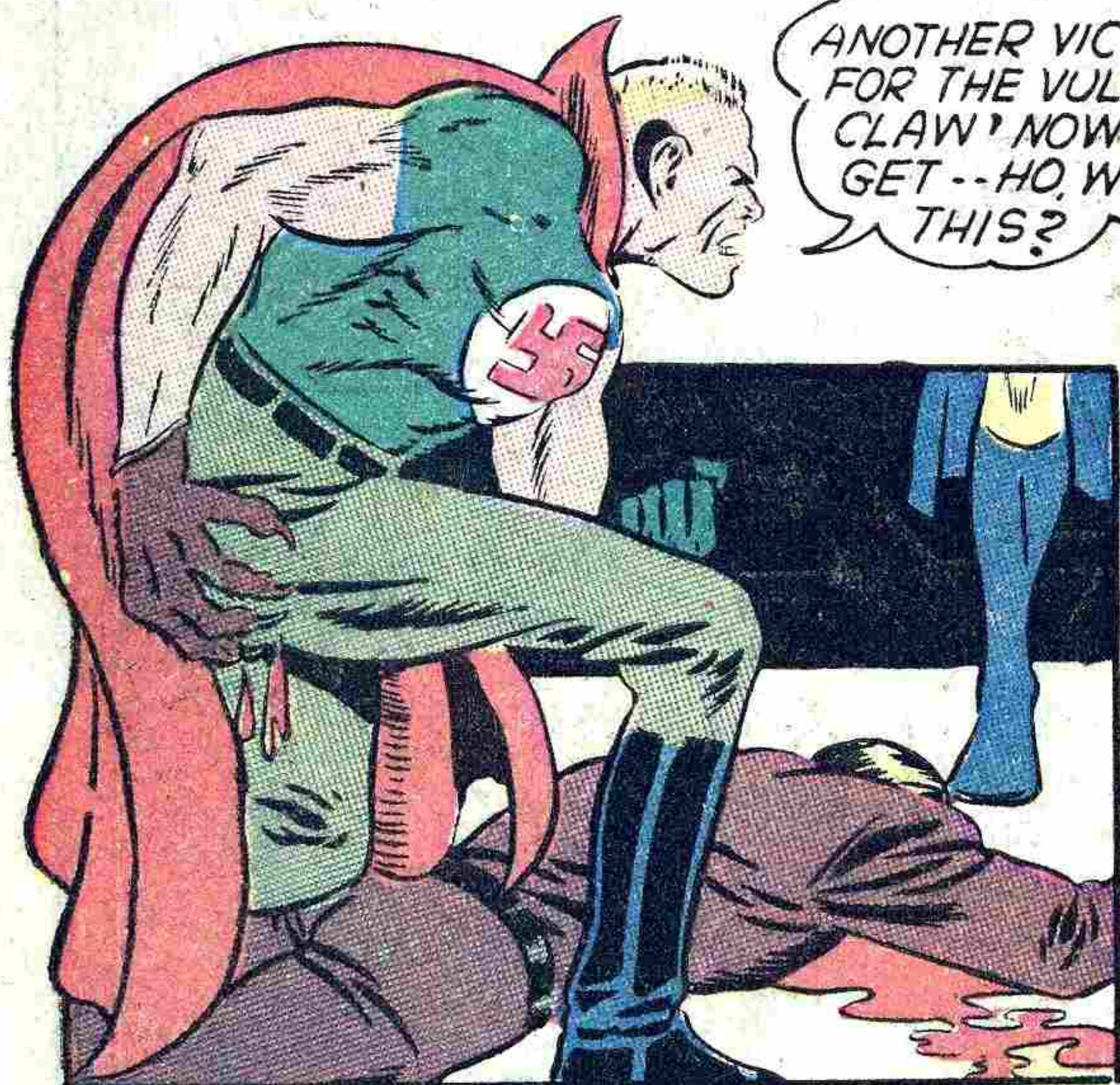


AS A LONELY FLYING CADET WANDERS ABOUT!

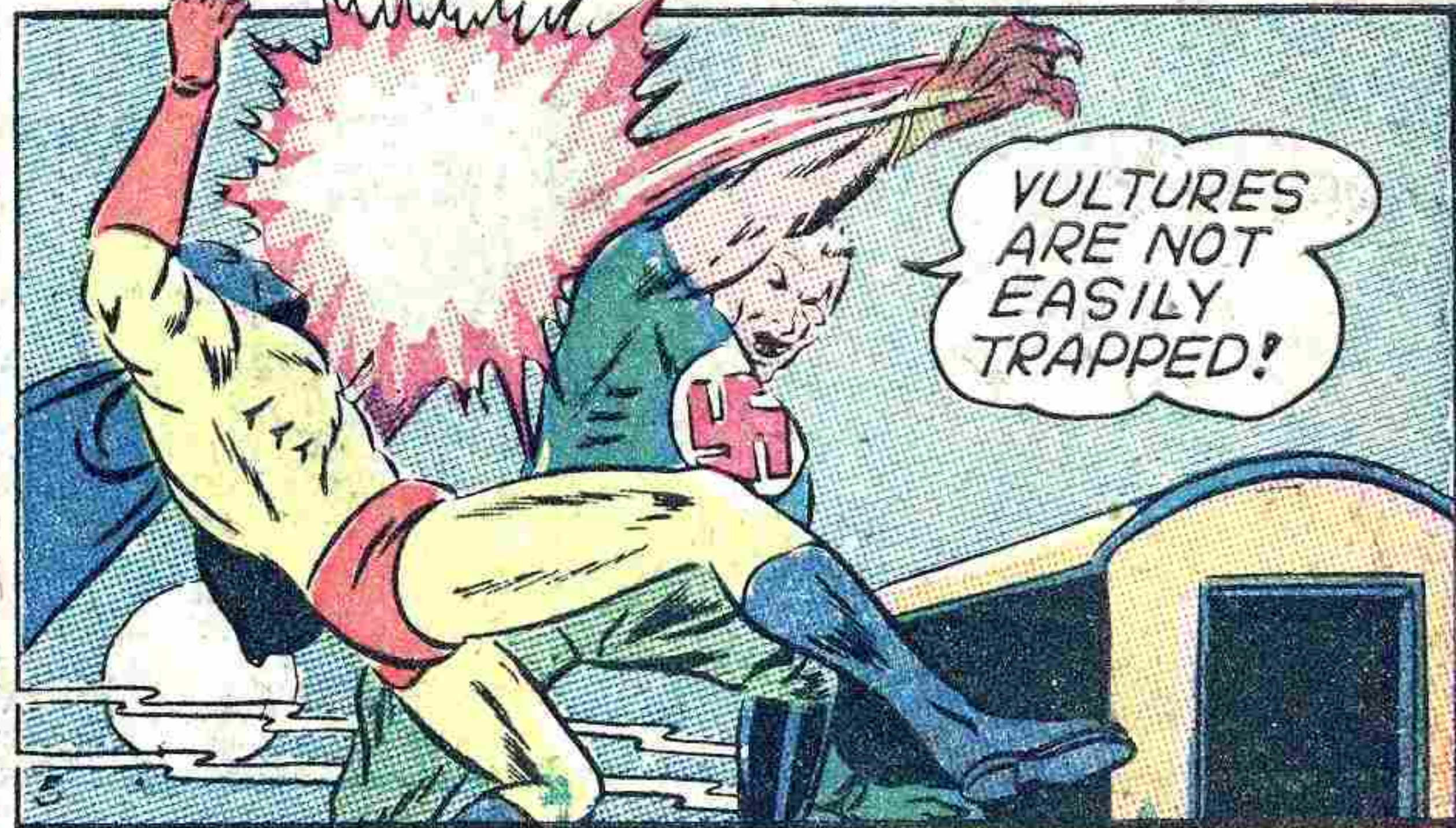


SUDDENLY:

THIS WILL MAKE YOU SLEEP FOREVER!



BUT THE CRAFTY KILLER STRIKES BACK!



VULTURES ARE NOT EASILY TRAPPED!



THOSE TALONS!
MY FACE,
IT'S--

ONE MORE
STROKE--
AND THE
HOOD IS
THE NEXT
VICTIM
OF THE--

BUT:



Oww!

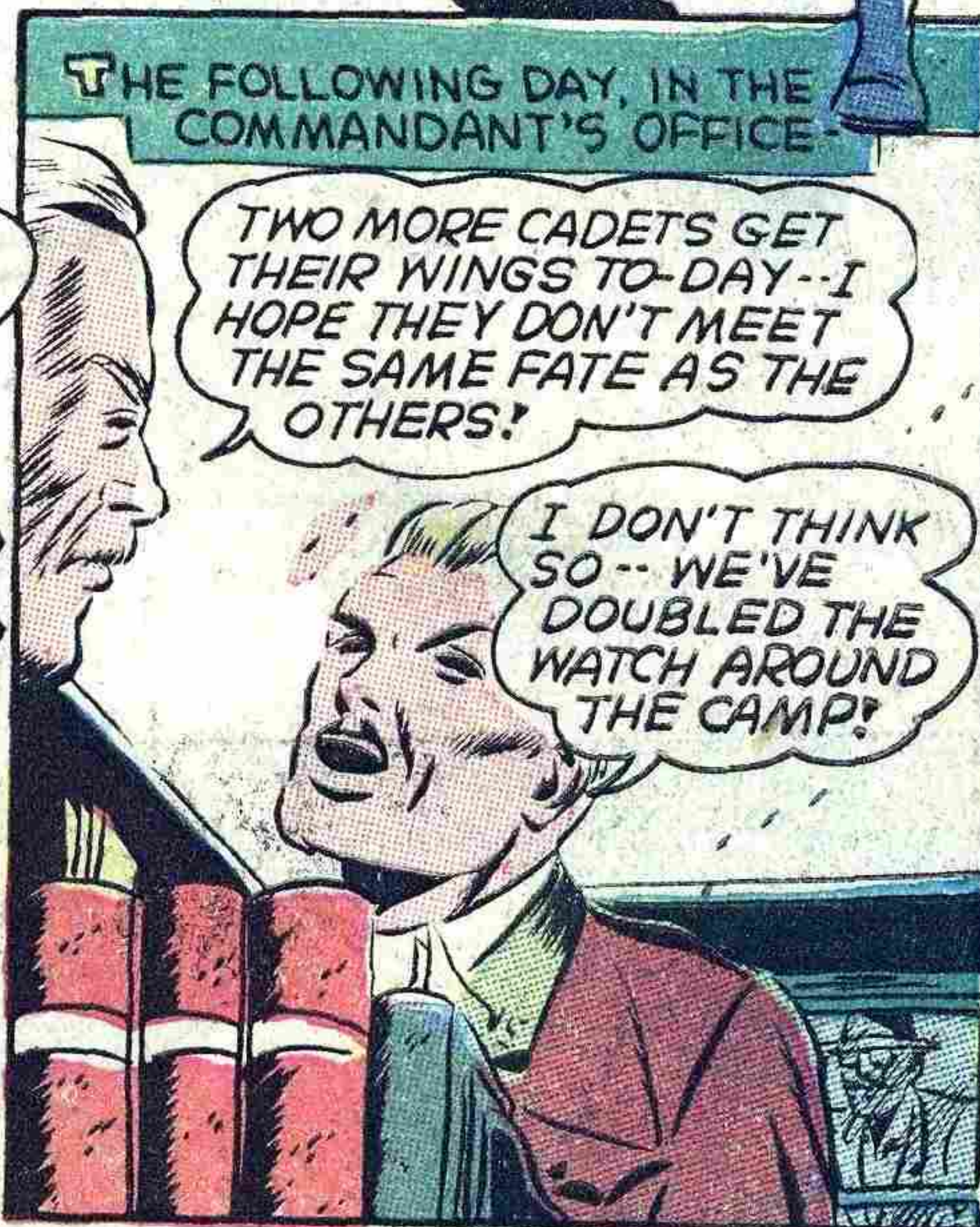
GOOD THING
I SPOTTED
THIS
RAILING!



BET HITLER
FELT THAT
ONE!



WELL I'LL BE--
MELTED INTO THE
DARKNESS-- THAT'S
ROUND ONE, BUT
WE'LL MEET
AGAIN!



THE FOLLOWING DAY, IN THE
COMMANDANT'S OFFICE--

TWO MORE CADETS GET
THEIR WINGS TO-DAY--I
HOPE THEY DON'T MEET
THE SAME FATE AS THE
OTHERS!

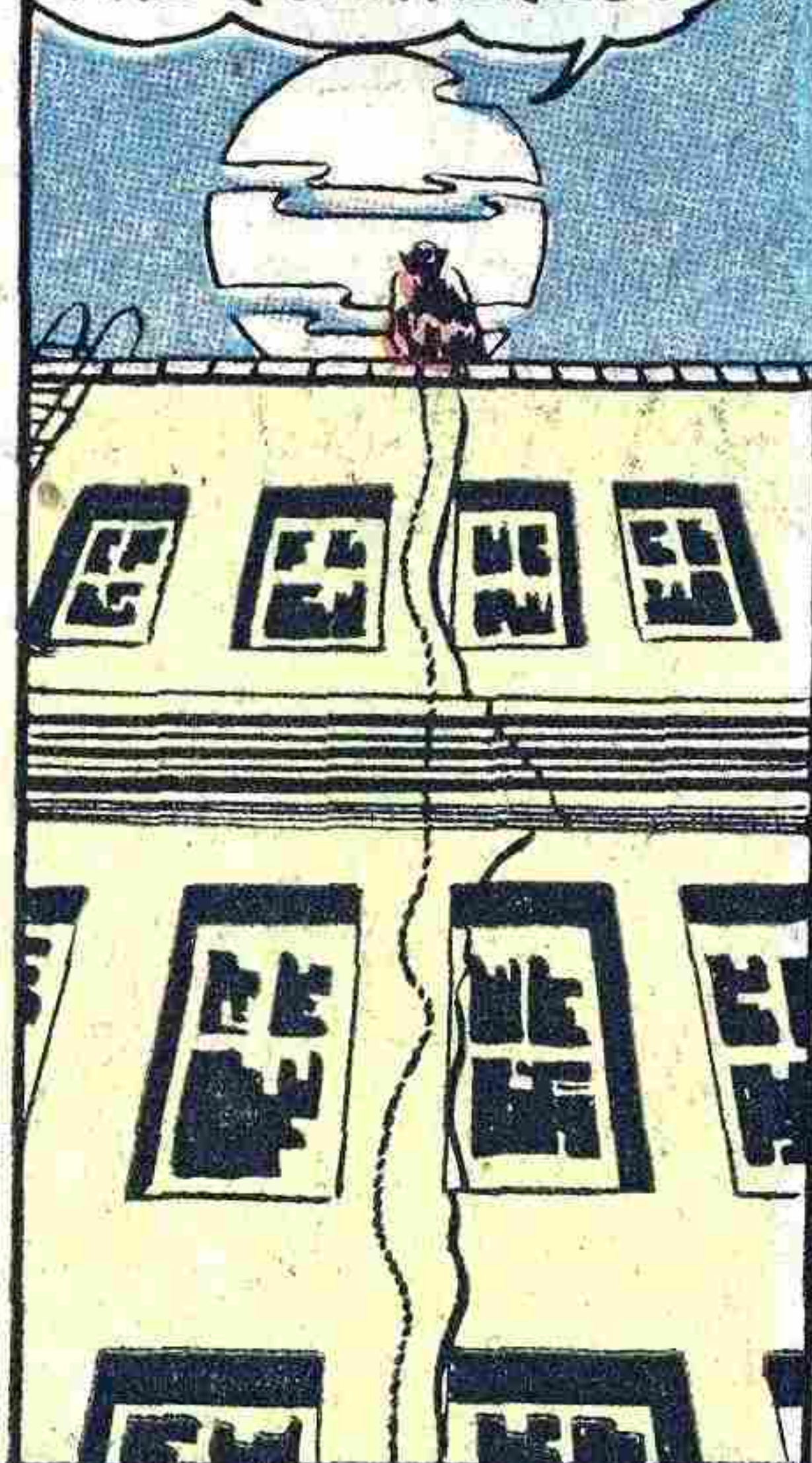
I DON'T THINK
SO-- WE'VE
DOUBLED THE
WATCH AROUND
THE CAMP!



DOUBLE YOUR GUARDS,
FOOLS-- BUT THAT
WON'T STOP THE
VULTURE'S CLAW!

AND THAT NIGHT,
THE VULTURE'S
CLAW PREPARES
TO DEAL DEATH!

WITH THIS ROPE, I CAN
CLIMB DOWN TO THE
ROOM WHERE THE
CADET GRADUATES
ARE QUARTERED!



BUT THE MIGHTY GUARDIAN IS EVER
ON THE ALERT!

PSSTT! THIS WAY!
IT'S EASIER THAN
CLIMBING OVER
THE ROOF!

HIMMEL! THE
HOOD-- THIS
TIME I FINISH
HIM FOR GOOD!

SET FOR THE KILL, THE VULTURE'S CLAW CHARGES, SWINGING HIS DEADLY WEAPONS!

HERE'S JUST A TASTE OF WHAT'S COMING YOU BUZZARD!

Ooooo!

FLON!!

STRAINING EVERY OUNCE OF HIS STRENGTH, THE CLAW MAKES A COMEBACK!

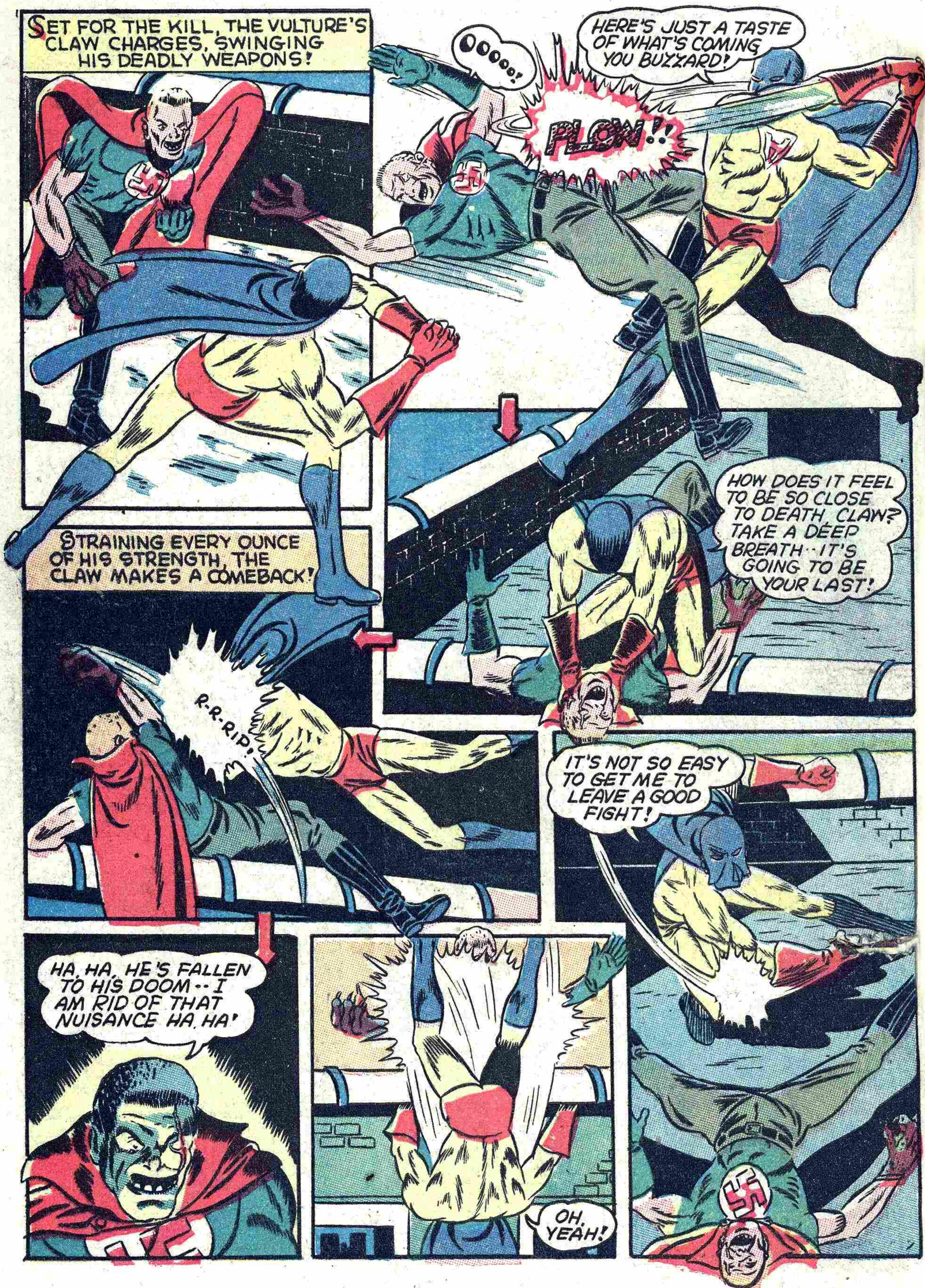
HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE SO CLOSE TO DEATH, CLAW? TAKE A DEEP BREATH... IT'S GOING TO BE YOUR LAST!

R-R-RIP!

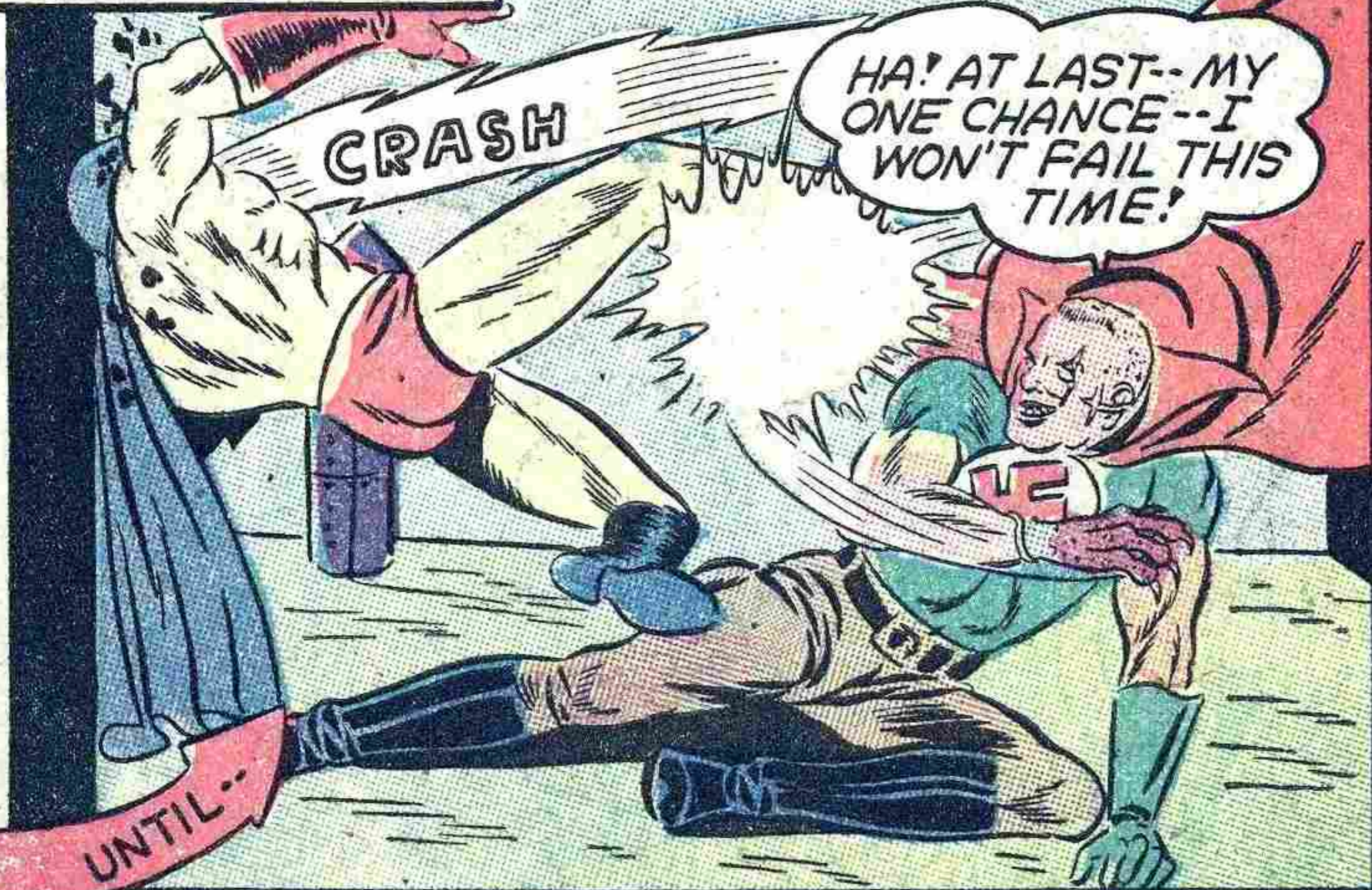
IT'S NOT SO EASY TO GET ME TO LEAVE A GOOD FIGHT!

HA, HA, HE'S FALLEN TO HIS DOOM... I AM RID OF THAT NUISANCE HA, HA!

OH, YEAH!



The BATTLE RAGES--BLOOD DRIPS FROM THE HOOD'S LACERATED FACE--THE CLAW'S FACE IS BATTERED--HIS BODY WEARY, BUT THEY FIGHT ON--KICKING, PUNCHING, CLAWING --- TWO DESPERATE MEN BATTLE FOR THE LAST THREAD OF LIFE!



THE HOOD IS WEARY--HIS FACE BURNS WITH PAIN AND THE STUN OF HIS CRASH MAKES HIM GROGGY--HE SEEMS DOOMED--THE CLAW DESCENDS--



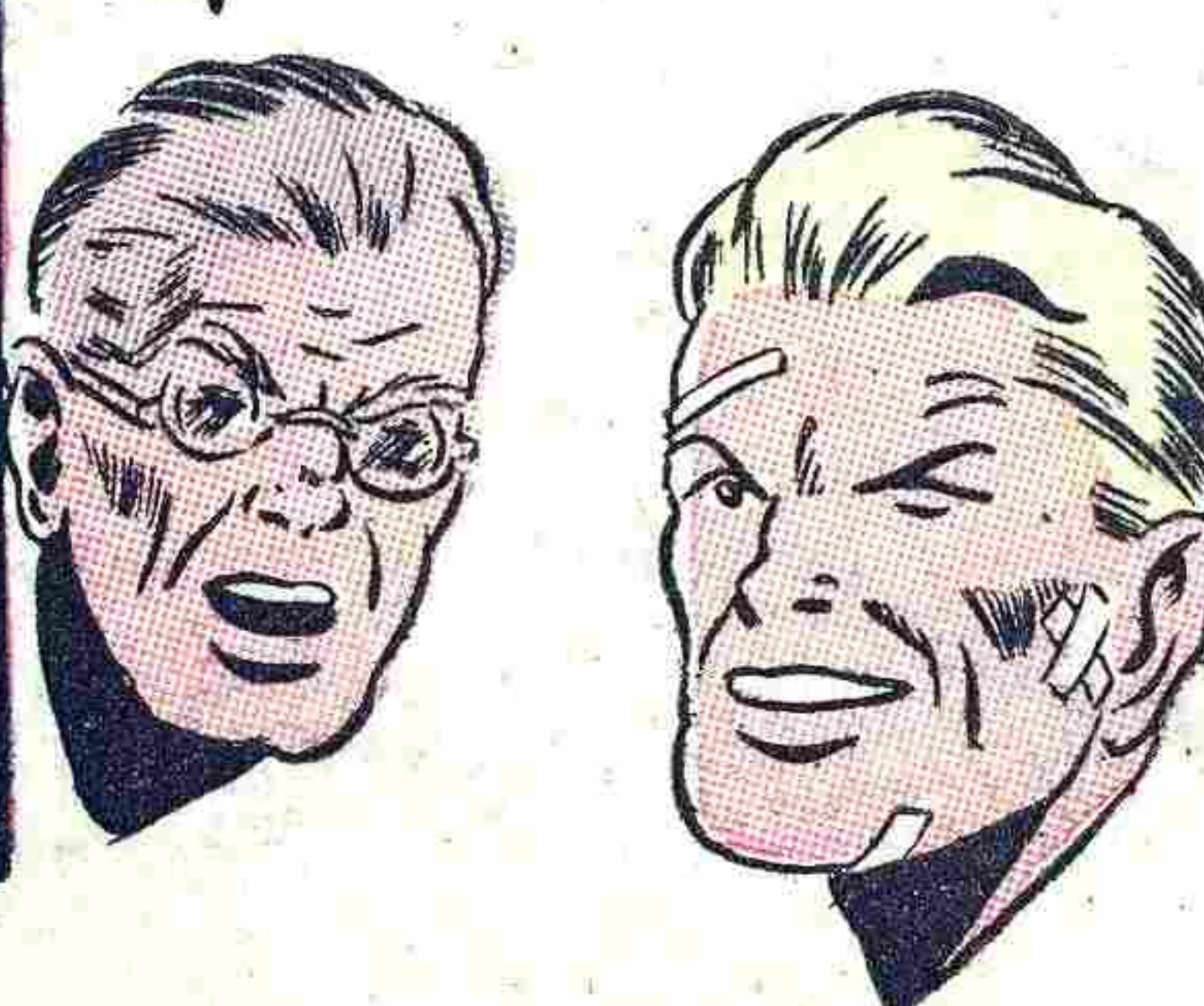
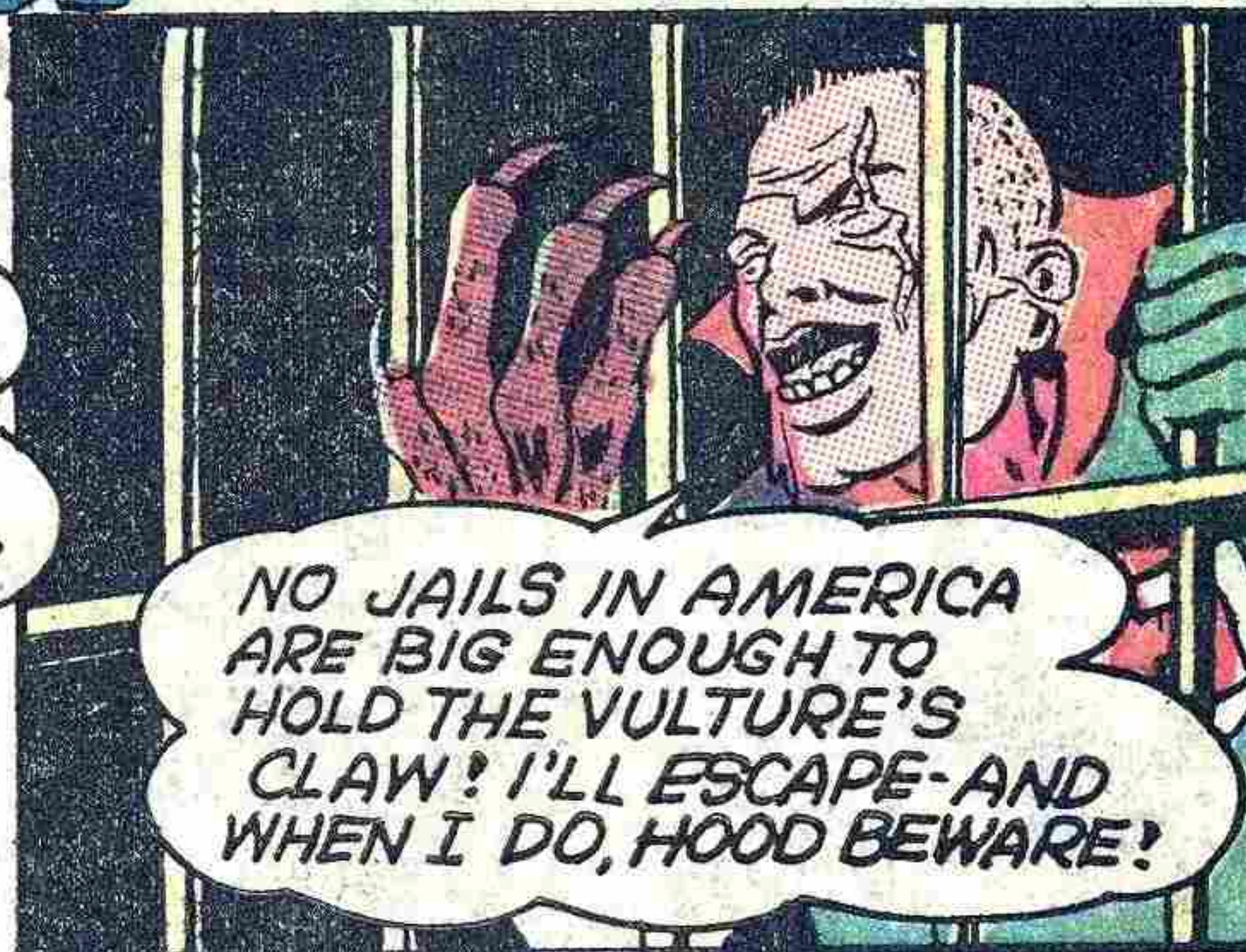
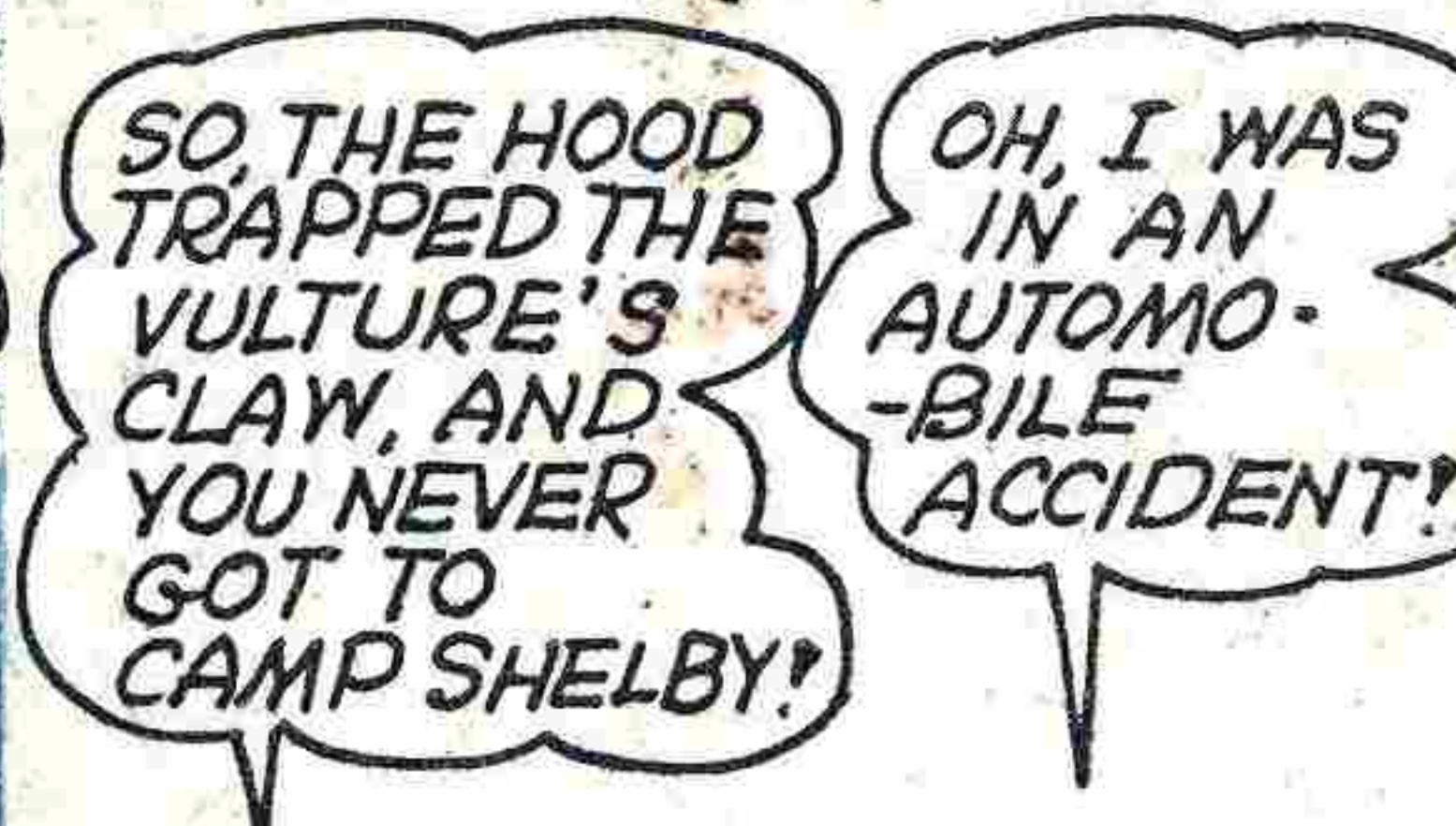
--BUT FATE PLAYS A HAND IN A DESPERATE GAME--WEAK FROM THE LOSS OF BLOOD, THE HOOD FALLS--



ARMY GUARDS WHO HAVE HEARD THE FRACAS RUSH ONTO THE SCENE!



SLIPPING OUT OF HIS HOOD'S OUTFIT, CRAIG WILLIAMS REPORTS TO HIS CHIEF!



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STILWELL IS READY FOR ANOTHER CRACK AT THE JAPS AND SAID, "WE GOT RUN OUT OF BURMA, BUT THOSE JAPS ARE NOT SUPERMEN. IF WE GO BACK PROPERLY EQUIPPED, WE CAN WIPE THEM OUT!"

RIP VAN WINKLE

TRIED TO KILL ME!

A TRUE PERSONAL
ADVENTURE BY
ERNEST WERNINCK
AS TOLD TO
OLIVER ASHFORD and
HARDY AUSTIN!



HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO
STROLLING IN THE CATSKILLS
AND MEET RIP VAN WINKLE?
A GIANT WITH A MANIACAL
GLARE IN HIS BLOODSHOT EYES.
THAT IS WHAT HAPPENED TO
THE AUTHOR OF THIS STORY!

ONE EVENING, WHILE VACATIONING IN THE CATSKILL
MOUNTAINS, I LEFT MY BOARDING HOUSE TO TAKE
A SHORT STROLL BEFORE DINNER!



CLIMBING TO THE TOP OF A NEARBY MOUNTAIN, I STOPPED TO TAKE IN THE WILD BEAUTY OF THE SCENE!

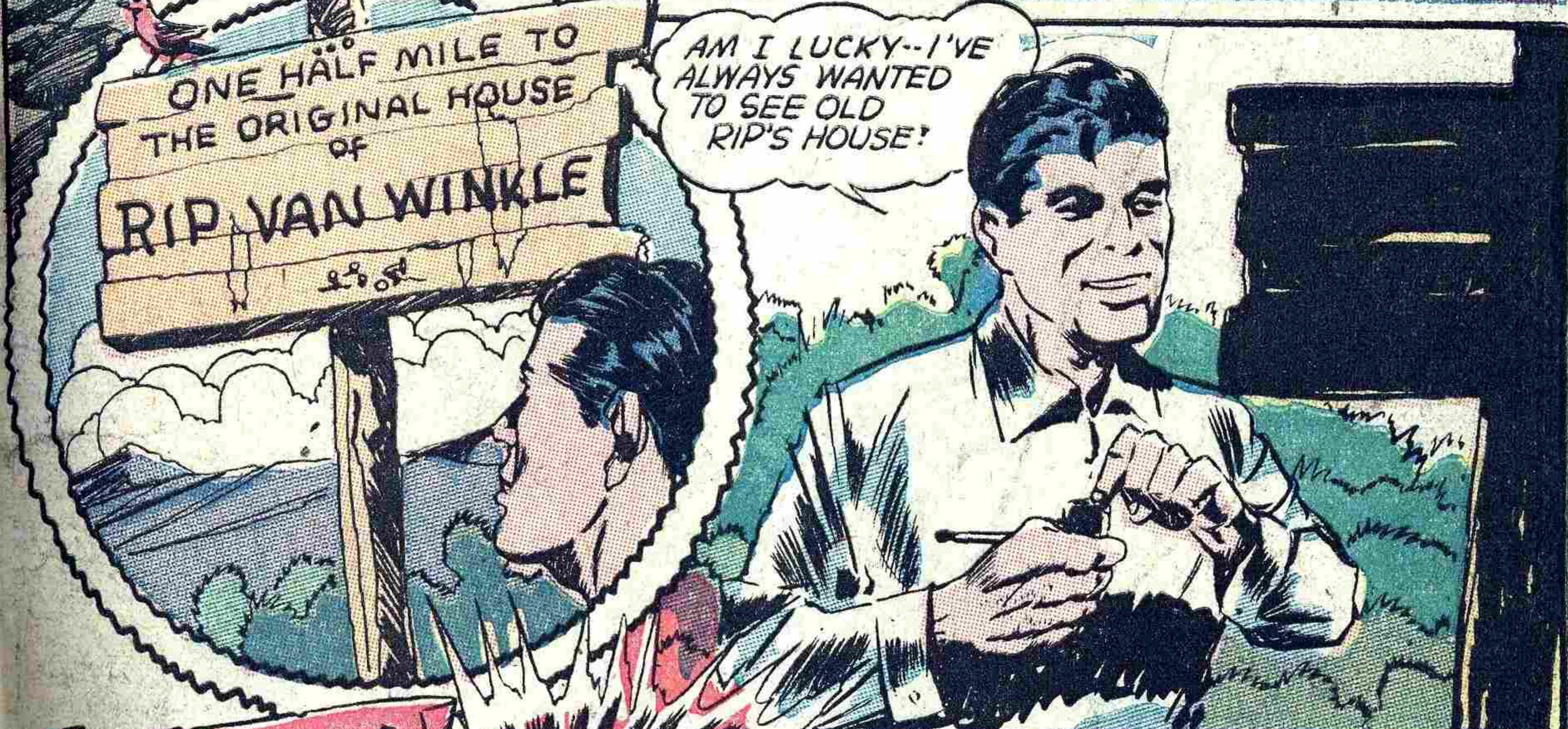


I PAUSED TO READ A WOODEN SIGN BY THE SIDE OF A ROAD--

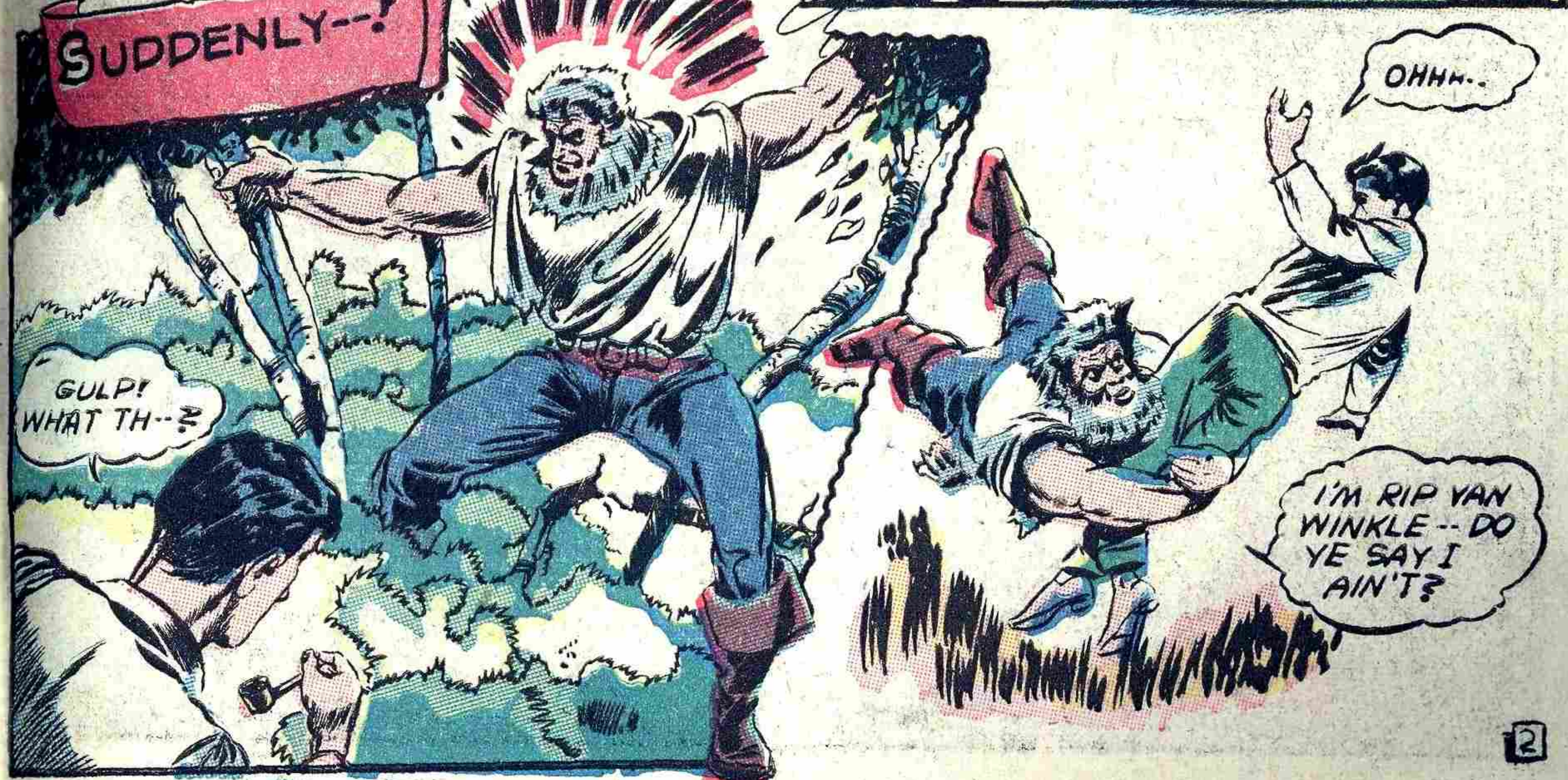


ONE HALF MILE TO
THE ORIGINAL HOUSE
OF
RIP VAN WINKLE

AM I LUCKY--I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE OLD RIP'S HOUSE!



SUDDENLY--!





THE MANIAC OVER-POWERED ME AND
FORCED ME TO ACCOMPANY HIM TO
THE EDGE OF THE MOUNTAIN--!



YES! YES! THAT'S A GOOD TRICK-- HA, HA I'LL ROLL YOU UP THE MOUNTAIN!

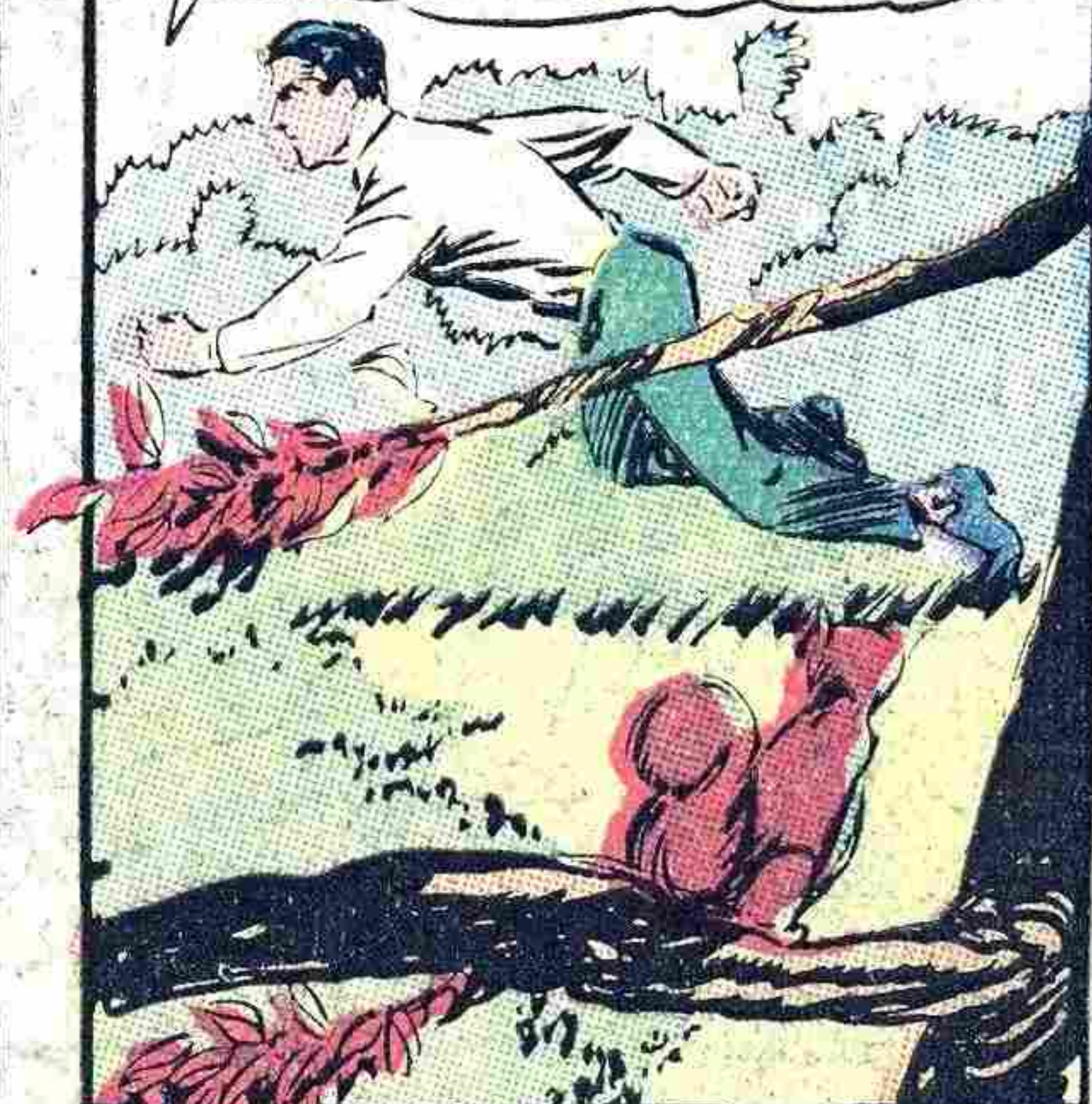


THE MADMAN STARTED DOWN THE MOUNTAIN AND BECKONED ME TO FOLLOW!



THEN I RAN AS FAST AS MY LEGS COULD CARRY ME!

I USED TO BE A CHAMPION RUNNER AT SCHOOL--HE'LL NEVER GET ME!

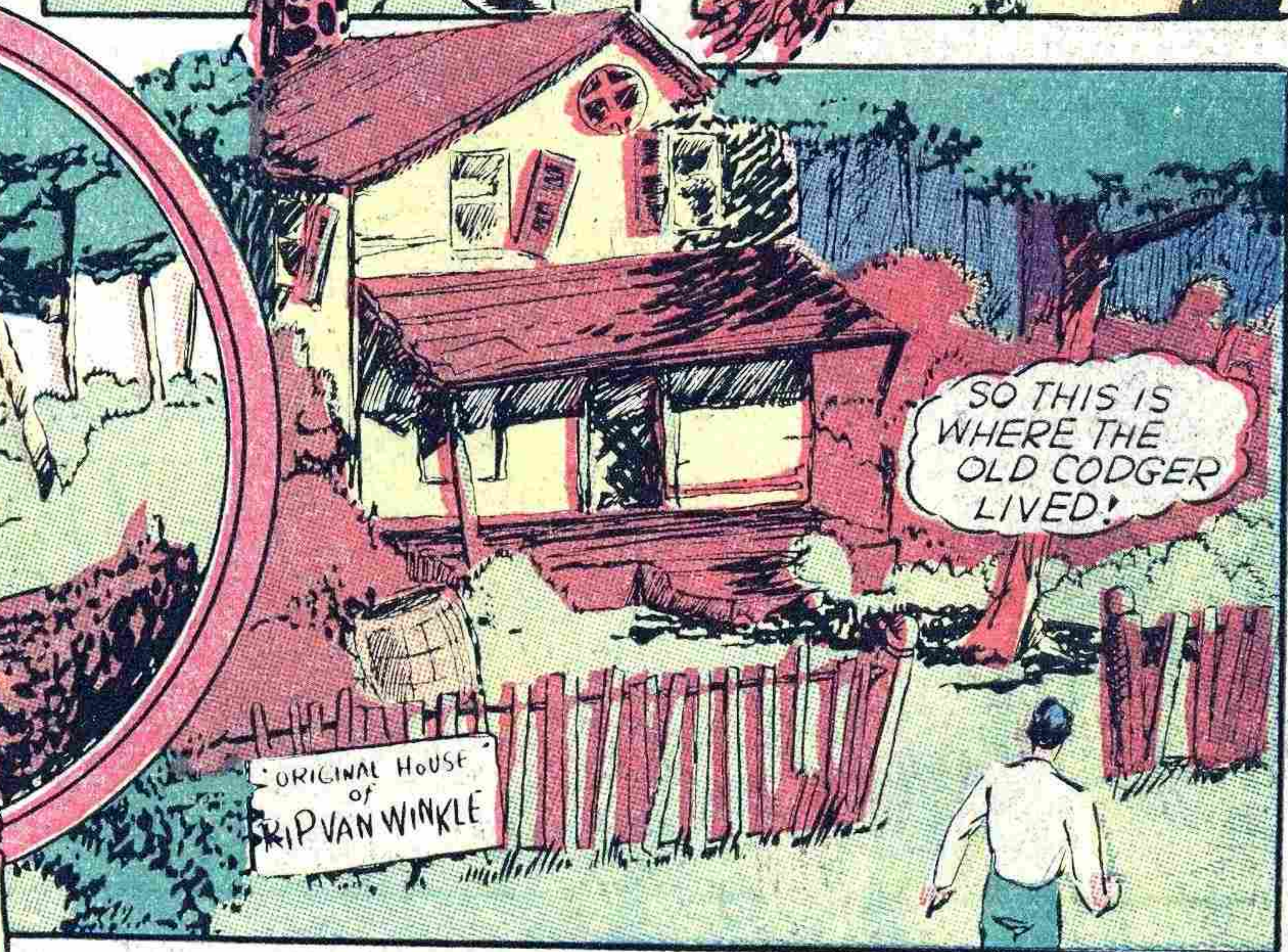


PUFF! PUFF! GEE, I'M WINDED--I'D BETTER REST AWHILE!



SO THIS IS WHERE THE OLD CODGER LIVED!

ORIGINAL HOUSE of FRIP VAN WINKLE



SUDDENLY, AT THE SOUND OF FOOTSTEPS, I TURNED--AND BEHELD THE MADMAN BEARING DOWN ON ME LIKE A CHARGING BULL!

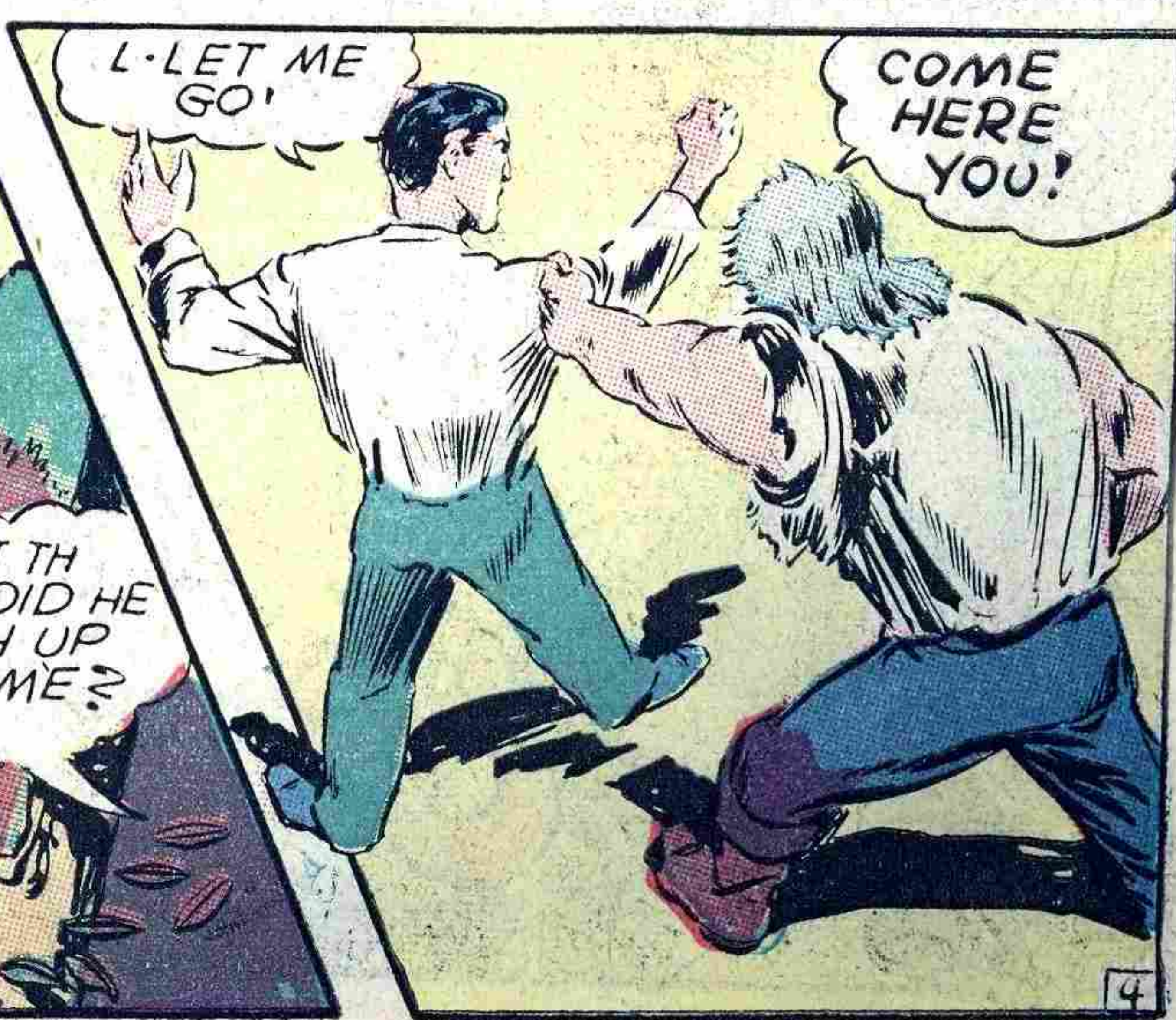
ARRG HH...

WHAT TH HOW DID HE CATCH UP WITH ME?



L-LET ME GO!

COME HERE YOU!





Wolves

NEARLY GOT ME!

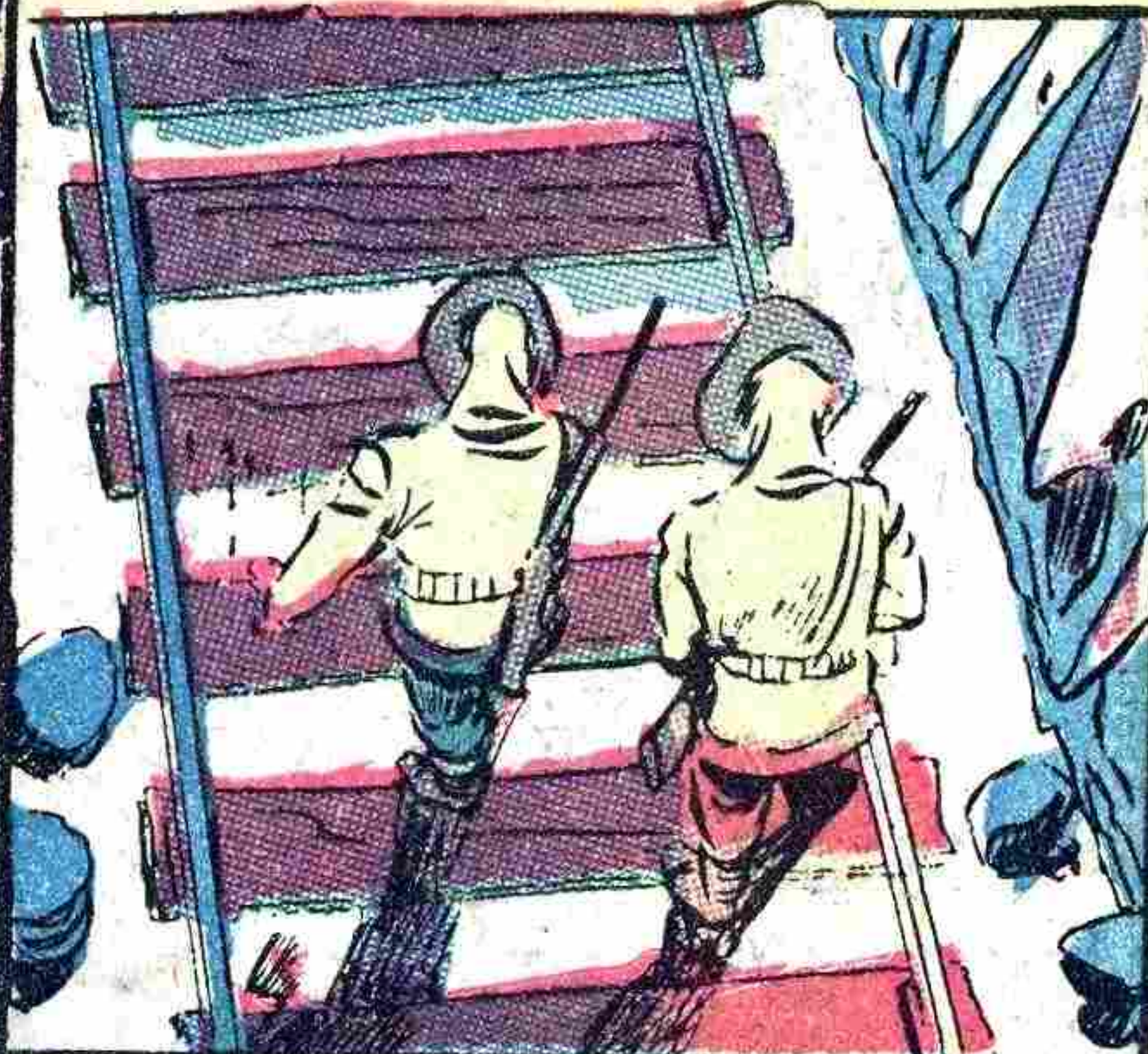
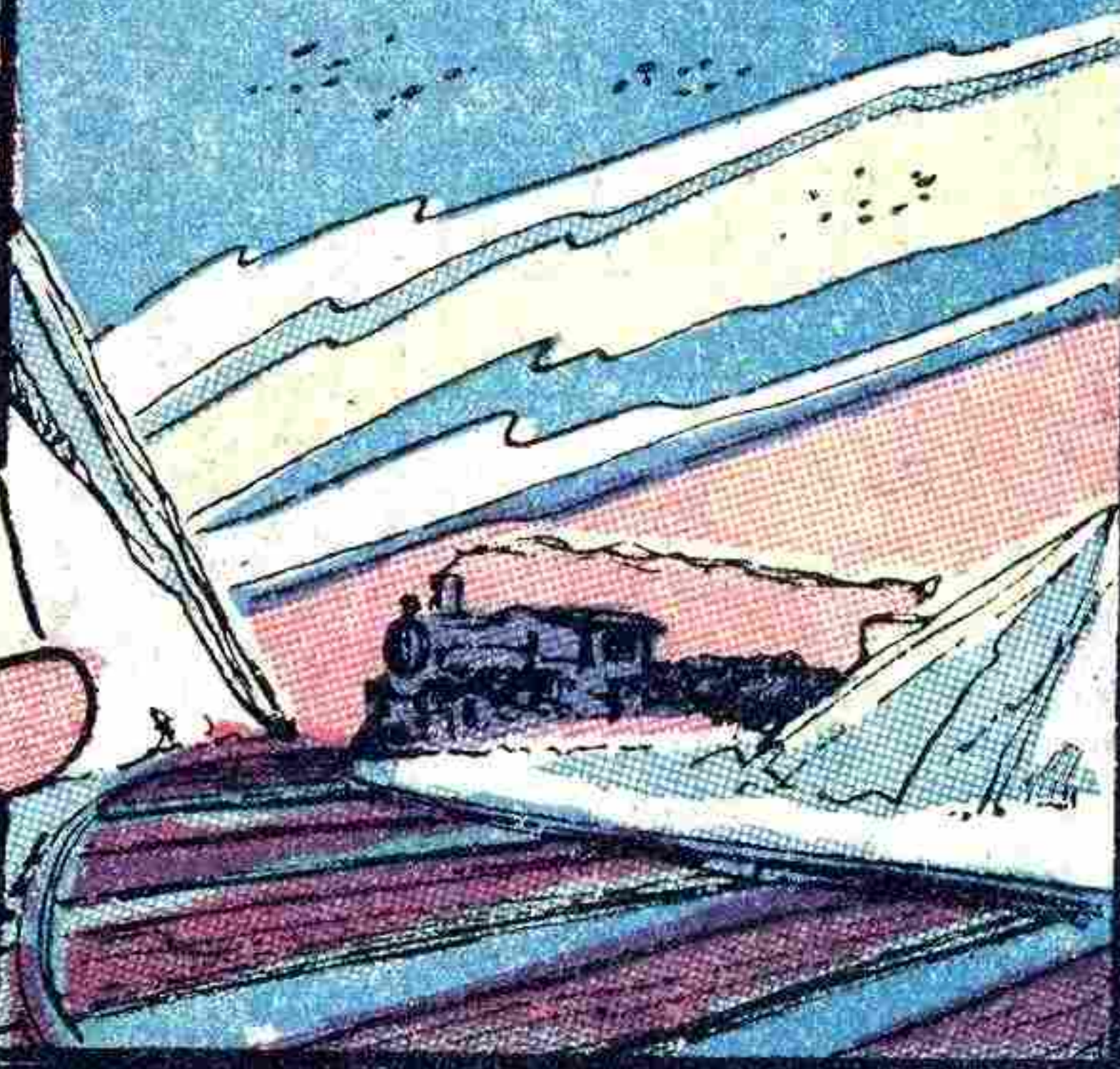
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AS TOLD TO...
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OLIVER ASHFORD!

SERGEANT SMITH, A WESTERNER, THOUGHT HE HEARD COYOTES IN SIBERIA, BUT THEY TURNED OUT TO BE OVER A HUNDRED SNARLING TIMBER WOLVES LOOKING FOR TWO JUICY AMERICAN SOLDIERS! ... IN THE WINTER OF 1919 I WAS A CORPORAL IN COMPANY M OF THE 31ST U.S. INFANTRY, A.E.F., IN SIBERIA!

OUR JOB WAS TO PROTECT THE TRANS SIBERIAN RAILROAD, WHICH WAS THEN BEING BUILT FROM VLADIVOSTOCK INLAND!

AT THREE O'CLOCK ONE BITTER COLD FEBRUARY MORNING -- I STARTED UP THE TRACK WITH PRIVATE TIM SULLIVAN!







AH-- GOT 'IM!

DON'T!

EEYELLUP!

BANG



YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT IT'LL ONLY MAKE 'EM WORSE --- ONCE THEY'VE TASTED BLOOD!

GRRRR



THERE'S ONLY ONE THING THEY'RE AFRAID OF, FIRE!



HURRY!-- THEY'RE COMING CLOSER!

THIS OUGHT TO DO THE TRICK!



GO AHEAD TIM, I'M GOING TO TAKE A CHANCE THAT THE OTHERS WILL HEAR MY SHOTS AND COME TO THE RESCUE!

IN THE MEAN-TIME, I'LL GIVE THESE BABIES THE FIRE TREATMENT!



I'M RUSHED AT THE WOLVES AND RAN AROUND IN A CIRCLE --- THRUSTING THE FLAMING FAGGOT IN THEIR FACES!



NOW, IT'S YOUR TURN, BERT-- GET OUT THERE AND SHOVE THIS FIRE-BRAND RIGHT AT 'EM-- THEY'LL BACK UP ALLRIGHT, -- BUT FOR GOD'S SAKE, DON'T STUMBLE!

TWICE MORE WE TOOK
TURNS AND RAN A CIRCLE
ABOUT THAT VICIOUS RING
OF SNARLING BEASTS--
AND THEN--



THE FAGGOT--
IT'S GONE
OUT!

NOW, THE WOLF PACK, THIS TIME OMINOUSLY
SILENT, SNEAKED CLOSER AND CLOSER--!

KEEP FLASHING THAT
LIGHT ON THE TRACKS--
SOME OF OUR MEN
MIGHT SEE IT!



AS A LAST RESORT, WE JUMPED UP AND DOWN AND
SHOUTED LIKE INDIANS IN A FRANTIC EFFORT TO
KEEP THE WOLVES AT A DISTANCE?

WAHOO! THAT'S IT, KEEP MOVING,--THEY
WON'T ATTACK A BODY IN MOTION!

I HOPE YOU'RE
RIGHT--WAHOO!



THEN THEY
WERE UPON
US!

TAKE THAT
YOU MANGY
DEVIL!



BUT AT THAT MOMENT,
THE RELIEF PARTY CAME
TO OUR RESCUE!

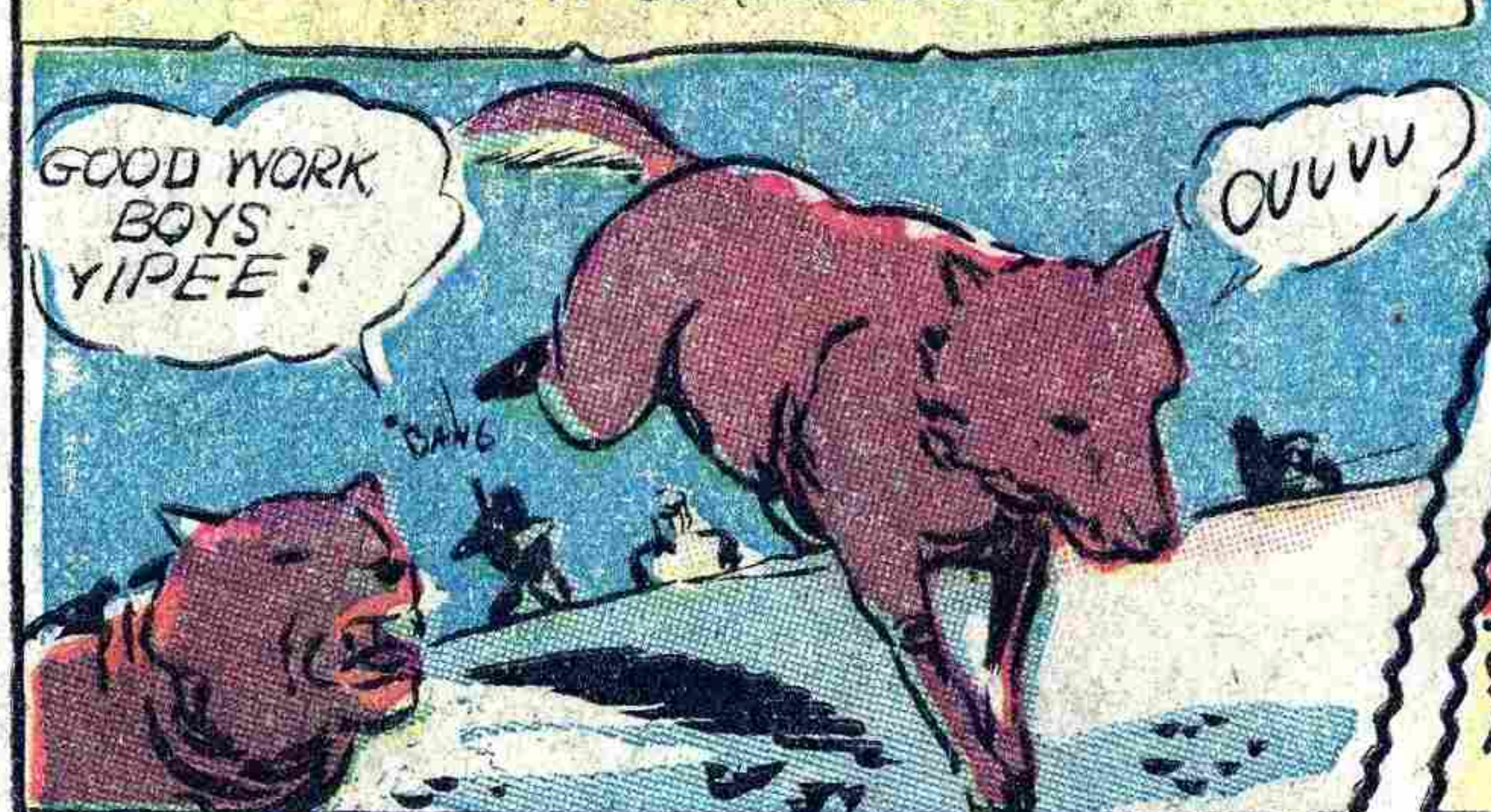
WOLVES! GIVE
IT 'EM, MEN!



THE WOLVES BEAT A HASTY RETREAT TO THE
WOODS UNDER THE DEADLY MARKSMANSHIP
OF MY COMRADES!

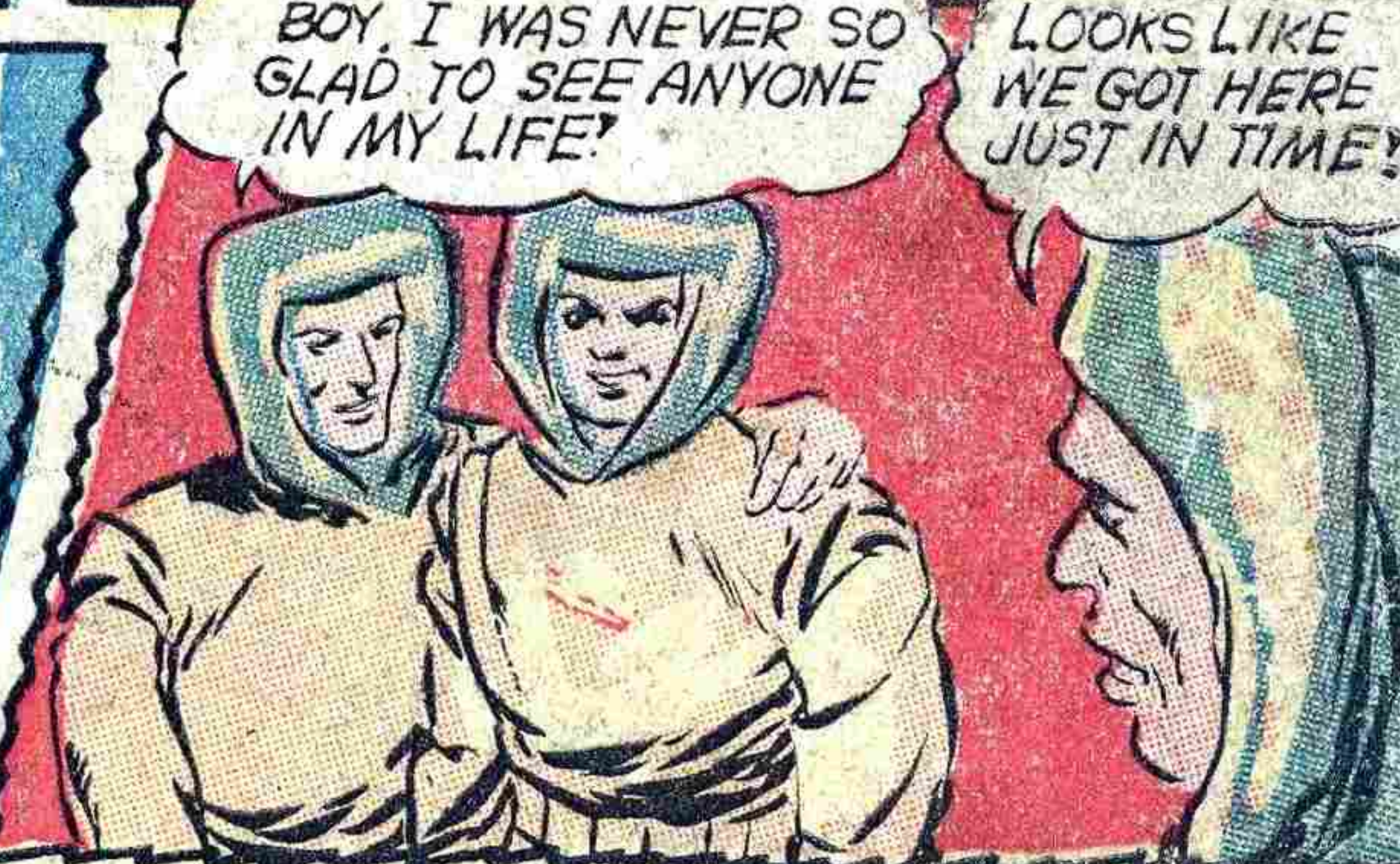
GOOD WORK
BOYS--
YIPEE!

OULVV



BOY, I WAS NEVER SO
GLAD TO SEE ANYONE
IN MY LIFE!

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